Obituary

Born: Tuesday, March 13, 1928
Died: Saturday, July 30, 2016

Paul Kieffer Coblentz, 88, of Middletown died Saturday July 30, 2016 at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the loving husband of Virginia Marie Garst Coblentz for 61 years and the son of the late William Kieffer and Martha Susan Ahalt Coblentz. He loved life and considered each new day a blessing from God.

Born March 13, 1928, Paul graduated from Middletown High School in 1945 and the University of Maryland in 1954. He taught agriculture at Boonsboro High School for a short time before operating the family dairy farm. Paul was an innovative farmer, often ahead of his time in farming practices. He studied the soil and began many conservation efforts early in his farming career. He was very resourceful often fabricating or altering his own equipment and machinery to meet the farmer's need. He loved sharing what he learned through observation and experience with young farmers.

Paul took a keen interest in people. Through the years he mentored and befriended many young men offering wisdom, counsel, guidance, resources, and encouragement.

Paul was a devoted member of Evangelical Lutheran Church Zion of Middletown for 74 years where he served in various capacities. More recently, he spent time studying local history as it pertained to churches in Middletown. In addition, he had an appreciation, respect, and love for sacred music that began with voice lessons during his high school years. He made time to participate in choir ministries and enjoyed family hymn sings, even in his final days.

Paul was a blessing to 5 children: Wayne K. Coblentz and wife Barbara of Marshfield, Wisconsin, W. Andrew Coblentz and wife Scarlett of Jefferson, Paula C. Shafer and husband David, Scott G. Coblentz, and P. Joseph Coblentz and wife Lori all of Middletown. In addition he had 15 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren: David Coblentz and wife Chelsea, Elizabeth Coblentz, Laura Woody and husband Nathan, Katherine Coblentz, Leah Coblentz, Jonathan Coblentz and wife Jacqueline, Hannah Shafer, Adam Shafer, Aaron Shafer, Esther Shafer, Philip Coblentz and wife Amy, Paul Coblentz, Peter Coblentz, Parker Coblentz, Margaret Coblentz, Penelope Coblentz, Sigmund Coblentz, Theodore Mott, Charlotte Woody, Josephine Woody, and Virginia Coblentz.

He was predeceased by his sister Janice Ahalt Coblentz.

Friends may call 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM on Thursday August 4 at the chapel in Zion Lutheran Church, 107 W. Main St.,
Middletown. Funeral services will be held at the church on Friday at 11 AM. Rev. Dr. Kathy Vitalis Hoffman will officiate. Interment will be made in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Middletown.

Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church and the family would like to thank each individual involved in his care at Frederick Memorial Hospital and the Cancer Therapy Center and also the unknown blood donors who aided in extending his life.