



SCHAFFER, Roy Alvin, Sr., 82, of Big Wheeling Creek, Wheeling, W. Va., died Tuesday, July 12, 2005 in Wheeling Hospital, Wheeling.

He was born in Wheeling, WV, on June 1, 1923, the son of the late Alvin Martin and Flora Hartlieb Schafer.

He is survived by his wife of 62, years, Betty Rude Schafer; two sons, Rev. R. Alvin Schafer, Jr. and his wife, Carolyn, and Edward J. Schafer and his wife, Brenda; two grandchildren, Jeffrey A. Schafer of Cincinnati, Ohio and Ann M. Schafer of Alexandria, Va.; one brother, George J. Schafer and his wife, Dorothy of Wheeling; a nephew, Ret. Col. G. Donald Schafer and his wife, Paulette of O'Fallen, IL; a niece, Sally Schafer Todd and her husband, Joe of San Juan Island, WA; two great-nephews, Eric and Andrew Schafer; two step-grandchildren; Dr. Aaron Kerr and Michael McKeever; and a host of friends.

Mr. Schafer was a retired farmer, having been a member of the Marshall County Farm Bureau for 55 years. He attended West Virginia University and was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

He was a life-long member of St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wheeling, having served as trustee. He was active in community and state affairs, serving as supervisor of the Northern Panhandle Soil Conservation District for many years. Among numerous awards, he was State Supervisor of the Year in 1994.

Mr. Schafer was a co-founder and past-president of the Cantankerous T's Model T Club, he was a member of the Buick Club, Northern Panhandle Antique Automobile of America (AACA), National AACA, and the Model T Ford Club International, where he served on the board for six years.

Roy will be remembered as the official resource of any and all things related to the Model T, having built, repaired, restored, driven, and having received many awards for the restoration of vintage Ford automobiles. He and Betty spent many happy years with their friends traveling from the west to the east coast, as well as to Australia, touring in the old Ford cars. He will also be fondly remembered for the opinions he rendered, always to be followed by a twinkle in his blue eyes.

Family will receive friends at Kepner Funeral Home, 166 Kruger Street, Wheeling on Thursday, July 14, 2005 from 7-9 p.m. and Friday, July 15, 2005 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friends then received on Saturday, July 16, 2005 at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 141 Kruger Street, Wheeling from 9:30 a.m. until time of service at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. R. Paul Schafer officiating. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling.

Memorial contributions may be sent to St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wheeling, WV and the Seeing Hands Association, Inc., 750 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003.