



## Joseph P. Rockhill Jr.

July 17, 1929 - May 16, 2023

Joseph P. Rockhill, Jr., of Pemberton, passed away on May 16, 2023, at the Southern Ocean Medical Center in Manahawkin, NJ. He was 93 years old. Joseph, also called Rocky and J.P, was born July 17, 1929 to the late Clara and Joseph Rockhill, Sr. Joseph spent his childhood years raised on his family's farm in Jacksonville, NJ. Joseph served in the U.S. Army for two separate enlistments. After being discharged the first time Joseph went home, became very bored and decided to re-enlist. Joseph was a long-time member of the Eden-Stanley American Legion in Pemberton. After his time in the Army, Joseph met and married the love of his life Evelyn. The two were married for 61 years until her passing in 2021. Joseph and Evelyn settled down in Pemberton, NJ and became lifelong residents there. Joseph worked hard on their marital home, adding a sun room, kitchen, pantry and even dug out the basement by hand with only a shovel and a bucket, dumping out the dirt and spreading it in the back yard. He also improved the outside yard with gorgeous crepe myrtle trees and by planting all kinds of flowers including azaleas, daffodils, tulips, prim rose and many more. Joseph worked as a maintenance worker for multiple school districts in the area for 23 years, he eventually retired from the Mount Laurel School District. Joseph also enjoyed his 1955 Chevy Bel Air, he affectionately named "Ol Blue". He took the car completely apart painting and fixing each piece all on his own. Joseph enjoyed taking rides in "Ol Blue", with his wife Evelyn, as people waved to them acknowledging his classic car. Joseph also enjoyed collecting coins from

the US Mint, model antique cars as well as model airplanes. He also enjoyed being silly at times, laughing, cracking a joke all while expressing silly gestures. Joseph was a loving husband, stepfather, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, brother, uncle, brother-in-law, and friend to many, including many friends within the school districts that he worked. He will be greatly missed.

Joseph is predeceased by his beloved wife Evelyn, his parents, as well as all his siblings.

He is survived by his step children Katherine Kautz (Bruce), and Virginia Allen (Dave), his grandchildren Alvin Thomas Jr. (Karen), Debbie Edelen (Mike), and Tracey Bates (Pat), his great grandchildren, Chelsie Scull, Reba Scull (Patrick), Matthew Ebaugh (Kirsten), Weston Ebaugh (Amanda), Samantha Bloom (Hunter), Ande Clark (Kanon), his great-great grandchildren, Dakota Fort, Mason Ebaugh, Emma Jean Ebaugh, Kamryn Bloom, and Evelyn Clark, his sister-in-law Jean Cook (Ben), as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Joseph will be held on Wednesday May 24, 2023 at 12pm at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060. Friends and relatives are invited to attend his viewing from 10am-12pm at the funeral home prior to the start of the services. Interment will follow the services at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY **24.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399

## Funeral Service

MAY **24.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Military Honors

MAY **24.** 1:30 PM (ET)

BGWCD Veteran's Memorial Cemetery  
350 Provinceline Rd.,  
Wrightstown, NJ