Walter J. Spinks, Former Croghan Resident, Dies

Walter J. Spinks, 72, of Hunter School Road, Titusville, Pa. 2, died unexpectedly at 8:03 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 1996, at his residence.

He was born December 22, 1923, in Titusville, a son of Clarence R. and Maude O. Lorenz Spinks. He was married to the former Irene Briggs Leslie on August 22, 1959.

Mr. Spinks was a graduate of Titusville High School with the class of 1943. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army. He entered the service on July 29, 1943, at Erie. He served with the 887th Engineer Base Equipment Company in the European Theatre. He served in four campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was awarded the Service Medal with four Bronze Stars and the Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged on Dec. 25 1945, at Fort Indiantown Gap with the rank of Technician Fifth grade.

Mr. Spinks had been employed by the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. (A&P) for 46 years until his retirement in 1988. At retirement, he was director of supermarkets for the northeast region, which included the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Upstate New York.

Mr. Spinks was associated with the Enterprise United Methodist Church, had been a member of the Cleo J. Ross Post No. 368, American Legion, and a member of the American Legion. He had served in the United States Army, having entered the service on July 29, 1943, at Erie, and served with the 418th Military Police Company. He served in the European Theatre, and was honorably discharged on Dec. 25 1945, at Fort Indiantown Gap with the rank of Technician Fifth grade.

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Memorial Service to be Held For Lowville Native Robert D. Petrie

Robert D. Petrie, 60, a native of Lowville, died Tuesday October 15 at Community Hospital, Syracuse.

Born April 16, 1936 in Lowville, son of Charles D. Petrie and Marie Camann Petrie and graduated from Lowville Academy, he worked for Borden Inc., Syracuse, for over 30 years.

A memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family. He is survived by his wife, Claire Manchester Petrie, 205 Ball Avenue, Syracuse; two daughters, Robert and a grandson, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Spinks formerly resided in Crogan, New York.