

HEINLEIN GENEALOGY

Herbert Henry Heinlein (1916 to 2006)
Thelma Rose "Mick" Smith Heinlein (wife, 1918 to 2006)

November 23, 2006

OBITUARIES

Herbert and Thelma Heinlein, owned area golf courses

Herbert H. Heinlein, 90, of Hookstown, formerly of Moon Township, died at his residence on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on Oct. 1, 1916, in Imperial, Herb was preceded in death by his parents, Michael John and Wilhemina "Minnie" (Ehle) Heinlein; his wife, Thelma "Mick" Heinlein; and twin sister Mildred Heinlein.

In 1933 Herb, his brother, Harold, and father began to build Bon Air Golf Course (now called Moon Golf Club) using only a donkey and a shovel. In the 1940s, Herb ran Old Fort Country Club in Indiana, Pa.

In 1964 Herb and his brother, Harold, began building Ponderosa Golf Course under the direction of designer Eddie Ault. For eight years in the 1970s, Herb was superintendent of Indian Springs Country Club in Silver Spring, Md.

Returning to Hookstown in 1979, Herb assumed sole ownership of Ponderosa Golf Course and remained there until his death. Herb was one of the founders and a life-time member of the Pennsylvania Golf Course Owners Association; member of the National Golf Course Owners Association and past president of the National Left Handers Association.

Herb was a member of Clinton United Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder, choir member, and bowled and golfed with the church leagues. In his life Herb had five hole in ones.

Herb was a past Exalted Ruler for the Elks Club in Indiana, Pa. and was a life member of Kiwanis International. He joined Kiwanis on March 11, 1957 and was a 50-year member. He was president of Kiwanis Club of Coraopolis from 1963 to 1964

and from 1981 to 1982.

He was Lt. Governor of the Pennsylvania District, Div. 3, 1967-1968 and Div. 4, 1989-1990. He received the George F. Hixon Fellowship Award in 1997. He had a perfect attendance for 50 years at the Kiwanis Club of Coraopolis.

Herb also served his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy from 1944-1946.

He is survived by his children, Janet Fischer of Burgettstown, Pa and Michael Heinlein and his wife, Lee Ann, of Hookstown; grandchildren, Jennifer Walker (Mark) of Moon, Ray Fischer (Kelly), Michael John Heinlein, Andrew Heinlein (Missy Nestor), Matthew Heinlein (Morgan Plevel) and Benjamin Heinlein all of Hookstown; two great-grandchildren and a brother, Harold Heinlein of Moon.

Friends were received at Copeland's Moon Township Funeral Home, where services were held with the Rev. Peter Grosso officiating. Burial was in Clinton United Presbyterian Church Cemetery with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to Clinton U.P. Church, 25 Wilson Road, Clinton, Pa. 15026, or the Kiwanis Club of Coraopolis, 283 Ewing Mill Road, Moon Township, Pa. 15108.