

## Howard O. Dunham

### Loving Family Man

Howard O. Dunham, 83, a resident of Belle Valley, died Friday morning, October 28, 2005, at St. Vincent Health Center, following a brief illness. He was born in Oneida, N.Y., November 30, 1921, son of the late Orson and Lytle Durant Dunham. He has lived in Erie since 1955.



He was employed as an electrical engineer at G.E. Speed Variator for 37 years before retiring in 1982. He graduated from Oneida High School and served in the US Army Air Force 19th Recon Long Range Photo Squadron during WWII in the European, African, and Middle Eastern Theaters. He was a member of Belle Valley Presbyterian Church, an Elder, a Sunday School teacher for 20 years and a Choir member even longer, a member of the Carl Neff American Legion Post #571 in Wesleyville, and a former member of St. Vincent Health Center Auxiliary. He also volunteered for CHOSEN Mission Project and was a guide for the Niagara League and the Maritime Museum. He enjoyed camping, woodworking, and traveling.

Howard was preceded in death by a brother, Orson W. Dunham, in 1993.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Marjorie Hotaling Dunham; three daughters, Mildred Proud and her husband Jay, of Lewisburg, W. Va.; Marcia Hofmann and her husband John, of Fairborn, Ohio; and Marilyn Beebe and her husband Kenneth of Erie; one brother, Floyd Dunham and his wife Mary, of Bradenton, Fla.; and one sister, Leora Rose of Oneida, N.Y. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service at Belle Valley Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Sunday, officiated by Rev. David Edmunds and Pastor Joe Hoffman. Russell C. Schmidt & Son Funeral Home, Inc., an Independent Care Group Affiliate, is in charge of arrangements.

Entombment with military honors will be at the convenience of the family, in Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Belle Valley Presbyterian Church, 1694 Norcross Rd., Erie, PA 16510; CHOSEN Mission Project, 3638 W. 26th St., Erie, PA 16505, and the Maritime Museum, 160 E. Front St., Erie, PA 16507. To send condolences, visit [www.icgerie.com](http://www.icgerie.com).

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