

## Yohn, J. Richard



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J. Richard Yohn, 89, of Elizabethtown passed away on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at home. His wife, Arline Hendrix Yohn died in 2000.

Dick was an elementary and physical education teacher for the Donegal School District for over 30 years, retiring in 1980. During retirement he drove school bus for the former Johnson Bus Service, Elizabethtown for eight years. Dick was a member of Newville Bible Church. A veteran of World War II, Dick served under General George Patton in the Troop A 6th Calvary Reconnaissance Squadron. He participated in the invasion of Normandy, and campaigns in Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe, receiving five bronze stars. A 1940 graduate of East Donegal Township High School, Dick received his BS in Elementary and Health Education from West Chester State Teachers College in 1949. He was a member of the American Legion, Post 329 and the VFW, Post 5667, both of Elizabethtown. A sports fanatic, especially of baseball, Dick enjoyed attending and following the local high school and college teams. A star athlete, he excelled in baseball playing from high school through the 1950's when he played with local Legion teams. His name is listed on a bronze marker at Clipper Magazine Stadium in Lancaster as one of the County's outstanding baseball players. His favorite professional teams were the Phillies and Eagles. Dick loved to travel with his camper. He and Arline traveled in all lower 48 states and for several years spent the winters in Florida.

Born in Marietta, he was the son of the late Joseph A. H. and Sarah Oberholtzer Yohn.

Dick is survived by his five children, James, husband of Joanne Darrenkamp Yohn, Manheim, William, husband of June Shenk Yohn, Palmyra; Robert, husband of Debbie Lindsey Yohn, Elizabethtown, Patricia wife of Larry Decator, Pittsboro, NC, and Kathleen wife of Robert Derr, Jr., Lititz; 13 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; and a sister, Faye M. Hess, Columbia. A brother, Carroll Yohn preceded him in death.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service honoring Dick's life at the Newville Bible Church, 819 Turnpike Rd., Elizabethtown on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 11 am. Dick's family will greet friends at the Church from 10 until 11 am and again immediately following the service at a luncheon. Interment is private in Elizabethtown Mennonite Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Newville Bible Church or to Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Online condolences to [www.sheetzfuneralhome.com](http://www.sheetzfuneralhome.com). Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., Mount Joy.

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