



Erie musician, Haener Brothers Band

Fred T. Haener, 80, of Erie, passed away, Friday, May 29, 2015 at Sarah Reed Senior Living. He was born in Erie, PA on May 31, 1934, a son of the late Fred A. and Katherine (Machuga) Haener.

Fred was a graduate of Gannon College in 1957 with a degree in Business Administration. He served in the United States Army and was employed at NOSCO Plastics, Hayes Manufacturing and General Electric Company from where he retired after 25 years.

Fred was a well-known Erie musician and along with his father Fred A. Haener and brothers Don and Ron, founded the Haener Combo Dance band in 1947, providing the Erie and surrounding area with over 67 years of entertainment. Fred also sang in the Simpson United Methodist and Christ United Methodist Church choirs.

He was a member of the Perry-Keystone Lodge # 362 F. & A.M.; Zem Zem Shrine; Scottish Rite, Valley of Erie; Zem Zem Shrine Brass Band; Musician's Union # 17; Christ United Methodist Church and East Erie Turners Concert Band.

In his post-retirement years Fred continued to share his love of music with the senior centers and retirement facilities in the Erie area.

Fred was preceded in death by his wife, Jane (Hotchkiss) Haener on February 24, 2002.

He is survived by two brothers, Don (Mary Anne) Haener and Ron (Margaret) Haener and brother-in-law, Glenn Reinhold, all of Erie; a daughter, Linda Haener Kern of Parkersburg, West Virginia, son Fred (Michele) Haener of Erie; four grandchildren, Caitlyn Haener, David Kern, Leanna Haener (Nieratko), Abby Kern; three great grandchildren, Orion Smith, Lyle Nieratko, Camden Kern. He is also survived by his dearest friend and longtime partner, Rose Marie Roesch of Erie

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the **Merle E. Wood Funeral Home, Inc.** Friends may call at the Brugger Funeral Homes and Crematory, 1595 West 38th at Greengarden Blvd. on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm and are invited to attend a funeral service at the funeral home on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Ronald Geisler officiating. Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.merlewoodfh.com

Private burial will be in Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Sarah Reed Senior Living, 227 West 22nd St., Erie, PA 16502 or VNA of Erie County 2253 West Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16506.