



Charles N. Stossmeister, 99, of Erie, passed away, Thursday, April 14, 2016 at the Erie Veteran Administration Medical Center.

He was born on February 14, 1917 in Erie, the son of the late Frederick and Jean Stossmeister.

Charlie served in the U. S. Army during WWII. He was employed as a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) for Penn Mutual, starting in 1958, until his retirement. He was an active member of the Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, serving as Sunday School Teacher, Trustee, Deacon and Elder. He also was Past President of the Erie Council of Churches and Treasurer of Lake Erie Presbytery. He was active in the Church Fast Pitch & Slow Pitch baseball for 50 years; an avid golfer, gardener and never missed his daily rides around Presque Isle.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Virginia M. (Clark) Stossmeister, brothers, Theodore and Robert Stossmeister; sisters, Dorothy Harler, Betty Pratt, and Janet Haskins.

He is survived by his daughters, Cheryl Kita and her husband, Paul of Erie and Margaret Francis and her husband, Dale of Wattsburg, PA; son, Daniel H. Stossmeister and his wife, Sandy of Canby, CA; fourteen grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and a great great grandchild; many nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Merle E. Wood Funeral Home, Inc., new location 845 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street, at Pine Ave within the Brugger Funeral Homes and Crematory on Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and are invited to attend a prayer service at the funeral home Tuesday morning at 9:15 a.m. followed by a funeral service at Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Harry Johns, officiating. Burial with military honors will be in Lakeside Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, 2816 Elmwood Ave, Erie, PA 16508.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.merlewoodfh.com](http://www.merlewoodfh.com)