



Joseph F. Wehrer, Sr., 79, of Erie, passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at PA Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

He was born on January 24, 1935 in Spokane, WA, son of the late Frank and Lucille (Chisel) Wehrer.

Joe spent his youth in Haines, Alaska, one of the places he dearly loved. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. He was a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a B. S. in Education. He was employed in Erie at Stairways and Crossroads and Glenbeigh in Ohio as a mental health counselor and a member of the Simpson United Methodist Church.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, John Wehrer.

He is survived by wife, Patricia (Wilson) Wehrer; daughter, Deborah Smith (Jody) of Copemish, MI; son, Joseph F. Wehrer, Jr. (Monica) of Lititz, PA; grandchildren Jessi Smith, Lora Sheperd (Joshua), Jakob Smith, Joseph Wehrer and Jane Wehrer; great-grandchildren, Jonathan Benjamin and Hannah Sheperd; brother, Robert H. Wehrer (Ruth) of Erie; many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

The Wehrer family would like to extend their sincere thanks to the staff of the PA Soldiers' and Sailors' Home especially the nurses and aides of the Alzheimer's Unit and also the activities and food services staff for the wonderful care that Joe received over the last 7 years.

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 38<sup>th</sup> St. at Greengarden Boulevard, with visiting hours on Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 pm and are invited to attend a funeral service at the funeral home on Saturday at 11:00 AM with Gary Foster, officiating. Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.merlewoodfh.com](http://www.merlewoodfh.com) Burial will be in Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 1128 Pennsylvania 290, Erie, PA 16501.