



## Elmer Cowan

March 27, 1919 - June 1, 2014

### Conway

Elmer Leroy Cowan, 95, resident of Anderson Oaks Assisted Living, Conway, SC; formerly of Middlesex Twp., Valencia, PA; passed away June 1, 2014 at Conway Medical Center.

Born March 27, 1919 in Union Twp., Jefferson County, PA. He was one of 12 children born to Arthur Leason Cowan and Bertha Elmira (Stahlman) Cowan. He was the beloved husband of M. Pauline (Hughes) Cowan for 64 years who preceded him in death as did Baby Lynn in 1948. He is survived by his three children, Twila M. Smith of Panama City Beach, FL; Arlene W. Pate of Murrells Inlet, SC and Arden R. Cowan of Stevensville, MT; 7 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and one sister, Nellie Beer of DuBois, PA.

After High School Graduation in 1936, Elmer went to Texas for work; married Pauline in 1940; served as a US Navy Carpenters Mate 2nd Class building the Alcan Highway, Alaska. As Superintendent of Construction he built bridges on the Ohio & PA turnpikes & Hwy. 79 PA. His church affiliation was Mars Missionary Alliance where he taught Sunday School and in retirement helped blueprint and build the Mars Missionary Alliance Church and parsonage.

Elmer was a lifelong member of Grange which is where he met his wife Pauline. He was an avid hunter and an accomplished beekeeper and organic gardener. He became a Volunteer Fire Police for Middlesex Twp., PA at the age of 80.

A memorial service will be held 1:00 PM, Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at

Anderson Oaks Assisted Living, 997 Hwy. 90, Conway, SC.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2090 Executive Hall Rd., Suite 130, Charleston, SC 29407.

Sign an online guest book at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as God's word the bible. Why do people we love die? Romans 5:12 says: "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

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**A. Bell** - June 25, 2014 at 04:34 PM

NC

“ Dear Arlene, Thank you so much for sending us your father's memory card. Both Paul and I and even my husband, Denny have very fond memories of Elmer and your mom too. I remember as a child and teenager visiting them in their home. They also came up to the farm a lot and being that I stayed at home during college I still got to see all our relatives who came to visit. We always loved your dad's humor and the joy in life that he shared. I would like to imagine that there are some smiling faces in heaven waiting for him - not only your mother's but Mark and Martha's too. They can share their fishing and hunting stories and even some that included music! Losing a father is very difficult for the family but he lived a **WONDERFUL** life and was such a blessing to all who knew him.

*Please give Arden my best - we used to have a lot of fun when he came to visit on the farm!*

*Our sympathies,  
Norma (Stahlman) and Denny Champion*

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**Norma Stahlman Champion** - June 17, 2014 at 07:48 AM

TC

“ Hello viewers. I am Twila Cowan. I am not Twila Smith. My maiden name was returned to me in 2009 following my divorce. A few corrections as family genealogist I have a great number of details about Dad's life. He always corrected or added to a story. CORRECT- his mother's middle name is Elvira like the song. IT is NOT ELMIRA. She was Bertha Elvira Stahlman and grandpa Cowan always called LEASON his middle name. Dad was born at Roseville a small village west of Brookville. He was in the Seebees in Alaska but thta was not as a NAVY soldier. He was drafted by the US in December 1944 while in Alaska. He was home for his mother's funeral as she died Dec. 11, 1944. He entered the Navy in Jan. 1945 and was medically discharged a few months later. He told me that 2 sets of immunizations caused the medical discharge about the time the war was over. He married M. Pauline Hughes June 21, 1940 in Cumberland, MD. They were married 64 years as Mom died Aug.3, 2004 in Penn twp. Butler co. PA. where they had lived 45 years. After 3 children, the descendants numbers should be corrected- There are 6 grandchildren-Kevin Seibert, Debra Seibert Skarsten, Brian White, Keri White Sykes, Lacey Cowan Wilson & Shaun Cowan. Debbie has 8 children; Brian & Keri each have 2 children, and Lacey Wilson has 2 children. Total of 14 gt. grandchildren. There are 4 stepgrandchildren. We have lots of stories and great memories that family and friends have to remember and hopefully share. daughter-Twila M. Cowan

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**Twila Cowan** - June 06, 2014 at 12:44 PM