



Henry Posthumus

June 21, 2010

Hank Posthumus, 96, entered eternal rest to be along side his wife and rodeo Queen, Eleanor on June 21, 2010 at his home in Branchville with his family at his side. During his long life, Hank served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Sequatchie during the Pearl Harbor invasion as well as serving during the Battle of Iwo Jima. After being honorably discharged from the Navy in December 1945, Hank returned home to his wife to begin his life and career as a rancher. Together Hank and Eleanor built the "A-L Dude Ranch" in Newfoundland, where they taught and shared with others their love of horses. While at the Dude Ranch, Hank would hold the rodeo stock for the rodeos at Madison Square Garden. After having the "Biggest Little Ranch In The East," in 1977 Hank, Eleanor and Henry moved to Branchville where Hank retired but continued to buy, sell and board horses. Hank gave up riding only three years ago, but always remained available to give advice to the young or young at heart. Many have said Hank will be best remembered for starting them on their first horse. Both Hank and his legacy will be missed by all. Hank is survived by his son, Henry H. and his wife Denise of Hamburg; his Grandsons, Henry J. and his wife Nancy and their son Kasey of Branchville and Richie and his wife Kerri of Vernon. Hank is also survived by his Granddaughters, Rachael, Michelle and Victoria of Wantage, and Great Granddaughter, Kayla of Branchville. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 25, 2010 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Interment will follow at Frankford Plains Cemetery. Friends may

pay their respects to the family on Thursday, June 24, 2010 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203-1977 or to Karen Ann Quinlan Center of Hope Hospice, 99 Sparta Ave., Newton, NJ 07860.