



## Cassis, Joseph

February 10, 2008

Cassis, Joseph E, age 78; devoted husband, father, business and community leader, of Glen Dale, WV died Sunday, February 10, 2008, following a lengthy illness with Parkinson's disease.

He was born December 30, 1929 in Sistersville, WV the son of the late Frank and Mary Ellis Cassis.

Joe was a 1947 Graduate of Sistersville High School and received his BS Degree in Marketing and Management from West Virginia University. He was a Korean War Army Veteran, graduating from Officers Purchasing and Commissary Schools.

He served as President and General Manager of State Food Store, Inc. with stores located throughout West Virginia under the State Food and Foodland Banners until his retirement in 1985.

Joe was a member of the Marshall County School Board for over 16 years; serving 4 terms as President and past Director of Region 5 of the WV School Boards.

Joe was also a past member of the Marshall County WVU Extension Committee, past director of the former Colonial Federal Savings and Loan Bank, a member of Reynolds Memorial Hospital Board of Directors for over 30 years; serving as Vice-President for 20 years.

Joe was a member and past President of the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce, member and past President of the Moundsville Lions Club; serving on both local and state levels and was named "Lion of the Year" in

1999; a 50 year member of the Elk's; 50 year member of Marshall Union Lodge #8 AF & AM; as well as other Masonic Orders including the Osiris Shrine.

Joe was a member of the original Moundsville Charter Committee, co-chairman of the first Planning Commission and assisted in establishing the master plan for the City of Moundsville.

In 1998, Joe was honored as parade Grand Marshall of the Moundsville Christmas Parade. Actively involved in local and county committees, participating in the Cancer and Easter Seals annual programs. Joe was also awarded the Loyal Mountaineer Award for his contributions to the WVU Caravan Fund raising efforts in Marshall County, by the WVU Mountaineer Athletic Club.

Joe was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Moundsville, serving as a past vestry member and warden.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Ruth Bauman Cassis who died in 1999; a son Robert G. Cassis; two brothers, Robert Cassis and Dr. Frank Cassis, Jr.; and a sister, Pauline Dawson.

Survivors include two sons, Greg J. Cassis and his wife, Lynnette of Glen Dale and their two sons, Cole and Chase; Mark F. Cassis and his wife, Kitty of Cincinnati, Ohio and their daughter Kiley; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Cassis and her daughter, Kaitlyn and two nieces, Debby Moore and Diane Cassis both of California.

Family will receive friends on Friday from 2-4 and 6-9pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Avenue, Moundsville. Funeral Services will be held Saturday at 11am at Trinity Episcopal Church, Oak & Linden Avenues, Moundsville with Rev. Dr. Patricia Geerdes and Bishop Thomas Bickerton officiating.

Interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church Handicap Fund, or Parkinson's Disease Center of Excellence, in Memory of George W. Paulson, MD, 371 McCampbell Hall, 1581 Dodd Dr.,

Columbus, OH 43210.