

West Exeter – Truex

Francis “Joe” Truex passed away peacefully on March 14, 2009 at Bassett Hospital with family members by his side. Born in Lacona, NY September 25, 1933 to Francis A. and Beatrice (Cummings) Truex, Joe was a graduate of Hartwick High School, Class of 1951. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a flight crew radioman from 1951 to 1953. On July 28, 1957 he married Greta A. Austin. Mr. Truex worked for General Electric Corp. and Colgate University. He was a member of Schuyler Lake Lodge no. 162 F&AM and Farmers Lodge no. 553 F&AM for 49 years. In 1985 Joe served as District Deputy Grand Master for the Otsego-Schoharie District. Joe was also a member of the Royal Arch. Joe served the Town of Exeter as Councilman, Justice of the Peace and Supervisor and was a long time member of the West Exeter United Methodist Church.

Joe is survived by Greta, his beloved wife of fifty-one years, his daughter Connie Bennett of West Exeter, grandson Corey Bennett and wife Kari of Albany, grandson Ryan Bennett and fiancée Jessica of Albany and granddaughter Haylee Jo Bennett of West Exeter. Also surviving is his sister Rebecca Vatovic of Schuyler Lake and many nieces and nephews. His brother James Truex, sister-in-law Janice Truex and brother-in-law Edward Vatovic predeceased Joe.

Upon the request of the deceased there will be no calling hours or funeral services. The family would welcome friends to stop by their West Exeter home. In Joe’s memory, donations would be appreciated to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, P.O. Box 9020, Hicksville, NY 11802-9020.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.hjtfuneralhome.com](http://www.hjtfuneralhome.com). Funeral arrangements are by the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.