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James W. Shaffer, 83 of Vineland passed away early Wednesday morning July 16, 2008 in the NJ Veterans Memorial Home, Vineland after a lengthy illness.

Born in Bridgeton, he was the son of the late Charles and Evelyn nee Kelling Shaffer, and the husband of Lucy B. nee Fenton Shaffer. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer had previously resided in Bridgeton until his residency in the Veterans home almost ten years ago. James had worked for Cumberland Dairy for 28 years until his retirement in 1978; he had also previously been employed with the P.J. Ritter Company in Bridgeton. He and his wife Lucy were former members of Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Bridgeton where James was a past member of the Board of Deacons. They were currently members of the Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Vineland. James was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army, where he served as a combat infantryman during the Normandy invasion. Surviving him besides his wife Lucy of 65 years, is his daughter Nevada Toddish of Pittsgrove Twp., one brother Leonard Shaffer and his wife Stella of Bridgeton, one sister Arabelle Griffith of Bridgeton, one sister in law Barbara Shaffer of Bridgeton, and a brother in law Sam Miletta of Bridgeton, three grandchildren John Shaffer, Kimberly Ann Interlante and her husband Michael, and David Toddish and his wife Leisa, five great grandchildren Joshua, Elisabeth, Justin, David M. and Sean, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased besides his mother and father by one brother William Shaffer, and two sisters Myrtle Miletta, and Violet Shaffer.



Anonymous posted:

This letter was shared with all Cumberland Dairy Employees It is with great sadness that I send along the attached notice regarding the passing, Jim Shaffer, one of Cumberland Dairy's retirees and an integral part of the fabric of our company. While a few of you were here during Jim's career with the company, some may also remember that Jim and wife, Lucy were kind enough to attend many of our Company Dinners over the years as honored guests. Jim was one of those rare people who experienced Cumberland Dairy from its most humble beginnings through the years of our initial growth in the 1970's. During the 50's he worked alongside the company's founders Charles and Elizabeth Catalana, and also with Carmine Sr. Jim saw the growth of the company as he began in the small building on Henry Street, through the completion of the original plant on Edward Avenue in 1955. In the 1960's see picture below he worked with Glendon Bryant and the late Bob McQuilkin. During his time, Jim is most notably remembered for his tireless hours during the illness, and early passing of Charles Catalana in August of 1966. Through the 1970's Jim showed his expertise to the third generation, Frank, David and myself as we began working summers and weekends. Jim also worked with John Randazzo, Fred Arno, Bill Ewing and Barry Watson, as well as many others at Cumberland Dairy. Jim was part of a select group that were the first Cumberland Dairy employees to ever attend the Annual International Dairy Show. The year was 1976 and the show was held in Atlantic City. He was part of the company that saw the initial growth of our McDonald's relationship from 1971 through his retirement in 1978. As you may know Jim was a decorated Veteran of World War II fighting as part of the US Army Infantry during the infamous invasion of Normandy on D- Day in June 1944. He spent his later years with his wife at the Veteran's home in Vineland. Carmine Sr. brought Jim back for a tour of the plant this past spring to show him the myriad of changes that the company has gone through. We salute his service to our company, our country and most importantly to his family. Please keep his wife Lucy and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Sincerely,
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July 16 at 8:00 PM



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Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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