

## **Anthony A. Torsell**

Anthony A. Torsell, 96, Lock Haven, died Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003 in the Lock Haven Hospital. He was born Nov. 10, 1906 in Bellefonte, the son of the late Peter and Mary Josephine Vitale Torsell. He was a 1924 graduate of the Immaculate Conception High School. On April 7, 1937 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Lock Haven, he and his wife, the former Gertrude A. Rohe, were married. She died March 25, 1999. He worked with his brother, the late Joseph Torsell, in the Shore Repair Shop on Bellefonte Avenue through his high school years. On Oct. 1, 1934, he opened his own business, the Anthony A. Torsell Agency, an insurance and real estate company. After his marriage, his wife joined him in running the business. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. He served on the Clinton County Industrial Corporation Board from its inception. He also served on the board of directors of the former Commonwealth Bank of Lock Haven for 37 years. He served on the board of directors of the Lock Haven University Foundation and received an honorary degree in 1984. He served on the board of directors of the American Cancer Society. He served on the Clinton County TB Society and was a representative of the state board. He was a life member of the board of directors of the Salvation Army. He was a 50-year member of the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce and served as president in 1949. He served 54 years on the board of directors of the Nittany Motor Club, where he served as president in 1982 and 1983. He was a life member of the Lock Haven Council 1774 of the Knights of Columbus and served three terms as Grand Knight. He was also a life member of the Fourth Degree Father Rechsteiner General Assembly, Williamsport, of the Knights of Columbus. He was a life member of Sons of Italy 146 of Lock Haven, the Elks Lodge 182 of Lock Haven and a life member of the Moose Club 100 of Lock Haven. He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. The Funeral Mass will be Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003 at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Daniel J. O'Neill officiating. Friends will be received at the Moriarty-Dutcavich Funeral Home, 112 E. Church St., Lock Haven, Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m., with a Vigil for the Deceased at 6 p.m. and the Recitation of the Rosary by the Knights of Columbus at 7:30. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Lock Haven. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lock Haven Catholic Endowment Fund, 311 W. Water St., Lock Haven, Pa. 17745, or the American Cancer Society, 35 Bellefonte Ave., Lock Haven, Pa. 17745.