

WAYNE ROSECRANS

Wayne R. Rosencrans, 77, of RR 1, Sweet Valley, Mooretown, died Dec. 6, 1995 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Mooretown, Aug. 22, 1918, son of the late Melvin and Myrtle Kittle Rosencrans and was a life resident of Mooretown.

Prior to his retirement, he owned and operated Wayne's Garage, Mooretown for more than 25 years. He was a member of Bloomingdale Grange and served as grand noble of the International Order of Odd Fellows, Osage Lodge 712, Lehman. He was a member of the Pennsylvania 76ers Good Sam Camping Club.

He and his wife, the former Blanche Frederici, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in September.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bruce.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are sons, Wayne Jr., Loyalville; James and Bradley, both of Mooretown; daughter, Janice Gensel, Laceyville; brothers, Melvin, Town Hill; Donald, Mooretown; sister, Gertrude Roman, Red Rock; 18 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Interment, Bethel Hill Cemetery, Fairmount Township.

Snark

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Santa Claus has been using you for centuries! Every Christmas, it's the same thing! Kids look for Santa Claus, they write to Santa Claus, they think about Santa Claus, they talk about Santa Claus. Who talks about you elves? Nobody, that's who! When you elect me Santa, that's going to change. I'll share the credit with all of you! This will be an elves' paradise."

The crowd was completely silent for a few seconds after Snark finished. Then, like a tidal wave, applause burst forth like a volcano, from every corner of the Halls of Congress. Elves who had been undecided had already made up their minds. Elves who had supported Santa Claus had become undecided. Elves who had supported Snark now supported him even more.

The rest of the debate was almost unnoticed by the crowd.

Snark had told them what they believed they wanted to hear.

The next day, *The Zero Gazette* reported on the debate in a story titled, "Santa Claus - end of an era?" Inside was a poll of the elves that showed Snark, who had trailed Santa Claus 75 percent to 25 percent before the debate, now led the Jolly Old Elf, 70 percent to 30 percent.

In the Claus household, Santa continued working. He was brushing his reindeer and preparing them for their long Christmas Eve journey. He polished their antlers until they gleamed. He trimmed a few odd hairs on Rudolph's tail. He fed them a specially prepared diet designed to give them strength for the trip to come.

"I don't know why you're even bothering," Mrs. Claus told him. "After that debate last night, you're not going to have to make your usual trip. Snark is."

"Now, dear," Santa said, smiling and stroking Donder's forehead. "I know it doesn't look all that good right now. But, as I said before, I'll trust the good sense of the elves. I expect I'll be flying off Christmas Eve, just as I have thousands of times before."

"I wouldn't bet on it, Santa," Mrs. Claus said, her eyes filling with tears. "Good sense of the elves, indeed. That Snark has touched a nerve with those elves. If they ever had good sense, it's gone now. I think you ought to fight back! Snark has tarnished your good name. You've got to hit him back and hard!"

"Nobody ever raised himself by lowering someone else, dear," Santa admonished. "You'll see. The elves will do the right thing when push comes to shove."

But time was running short. The election was just two days away.

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