



KEMP, FRANKLIN W. - born August 16, 1922 in Reading, PA, son of Frances (nee Green) and John Kemp. He lived most of his life in Atlantic City and attended Atlantic City High School. In March 1941 he enlisted in the Marines and served aboard the Battleship, USS New Mexico, in the North Atlantic prior to [WW2](#) on convoy duty between Halifax NS and Great Britain. In 1942 he served in the Pacific through Coral Sea and Midway campaigns and participated in the occupation and defense of Guadalcanal and the Aleutian Campaign. He was discharged as Sergeant in October 1945. In June 1958 he enlisted in the US Coast Guard Reserves and was commanding officer of the Coast Guard Unit in Atlantic City. He served as Lieutenant Commander in an all officer unit assigned to the headquarters of the Captain of the Port of Philadelphia when he retired in 1982. He became a member of the Atlantic City Fire Department in March 1947 and retired February 1st, 1984 as the chief of the department. He also served as the Director of Civil Defense and Disaster Control from 1963 to 1972. On August 26th, 2005 Atlantic City Fire Station #6 at Annapolis and Atlantic Avenues was officially renamed for him, "Chief Franklin Kemp Fire Station". He was a member of Keystone Lodge #153 and other Masonic groups. He was proudly a member of the NJ Society of Sons of the American Revolution. He was a historian, lecturer and author of three books. He is survived by his wife, Estella (nee Rohrbach) Kemp; son Wayne Kemp; daughter Charlotte Kemp; daughter June Kemp Hayes; grandsons Franklin Hayes and Brian Hayes; great grandsons Jacob Hayes, Dylan Hayes and Brayden Hayes. A funeral service will be held on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 11:00am at Adams-Perfect Funeral Home, 1650 New Road, Northfield. A visitation will be held from 10:00am until the time of the service. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the , 225 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60601. Arrangements entrusted to and condolences may be left for his family at: [adams-perfect.com](http://adams-perfect.com)