



Obituary

Born: Monday, August 21, 1939

Died: Friday, January 4, 2019

Robert "Bob" Newara

Robert "Bob" Newara, age 79, of North East, died on Friday January 4, 2019 at UPMC Hamot. He was born on August 21, 1939 in Erie, Pennsylvania to the late Anthony and Josephine (Rizzo) Newara. Bob was a lifelong resident of North East. Bob served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Intrepid in boiler maintenance. He attended Gannon University. He was employed by Welch Foods in North East and Westfield for over 40 years until his retirement in 1999.

After retirement, Bob was employed at the William D. Elkin Funeral Home for several years. He was extremely community minded and spent his adult life serving the people of North East. In 1994 he was given a County of Erie Citation by County Executive, Judith M. Lynch. He was honored for serving as a member of the Erie County Metropolitan Planning Commission; Council President on the North East Borough committee (six years); Erie Council Representative (fourteen years); Coastal Zone Management Steering Committee; North East Street Commission; poll worker for elections; and currently a member of the North East Township Planning Commission. He was a member of St. Gregory Church, Romeo Breakfast Club, and served as secretary for the Lakeside Wednesday golf league. Throughout his life he enjoyed family, friends, golfing, coaching Little League Softball, and was an avid Red Sox baseball fan. Bob had a kind heart, gentle soul, and was loved by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Charles, Paul, Joseph, and Anthony Newara; a sister, Rose Taylor; an infant sister, Sarah Newara; a brother-in-law, Bernard Lyons; and a son-in-law, Harold Buterbaugh. Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Judith (Johnson) Newara whom he married October 7, 1961. Daughters, Nadine Burkhart (Dan) of North East, Patricia Strine (Marty) of Ripley, and Kathleen Babins of Millcreek; brothers, Louis Newara of North East, Raymond Newara (Gwendolyn) of California, Carl "Jerry" Newara (Dolores) of North East, and Vincent Newara (Mary Jo) of North East; sisters, Angeline Martina of California and Shirley Sgarlata (Sam) of California; grandchildren, Tara, Alicia, Jenna, Jennifer, Danielle, Leah, Zachary, Megan, and Samuel;

Service Summary

Visitation

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Tue Jan 08, 2019

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Tue Jan 08, 2019

William D. Elkin Funeral Home

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Prayer Service

10:00 AM Wed Jan 09, 2019

William D. Elkin Funeral Home

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Funeral Mass

10:30 AM Wed Jan 09, 2019

St. Gregory Church

North East, PA

*sister-in-law Dolores Lyons; also several nieces, nephews,
and cousins.*

*Friends may call at the William D. Elkin Funeral
Home, 65 South Lake Street, North East on Tuesday
2-4 P.M. and 6-8 P.M. and are invited to attend a Prayer
Service on Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. at the funeral
home followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:30 A.M. at St.
Gregory Church. Interment with Full Military Honors
will be held at St. Gregory Cemetery. Memorials may
be made to the Erie ANNA Shelter, 1555 East 10th
Street, Erie, PA 16511 or North East Fire Department,
PO Box 89, North East, PA 16428. Please send condolences
to elkinfh.com.*

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