



Obituary

Born: Wednesday, May 23, 1934

Died: Thursday, January 17, 2019

William "Bill" Anthony Thomas

William "Bill" Anthony Thomas, age 84, of North East, formerly of Pittsburgh, went to be with his Lord, and was reunited with his wife of 63 years, on Thursday, January 17, 2019. He was born on May 23, 1934, in Penn Hills, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the son of the late William Joseph and Susan (Garland) Thomas.

Bill graduated Pittsburgh Central Catholic and Duquesne University, earning a B.A. in Business. He was formerly employed by US Steel in Pittsburgh, where he helped produce steel for the Mackinac Bridge in Michigan. He also taught business at Jackson Business University in Jackson, Michigan, did motivational speaking with the Dale Carnegie Institute, and taught religious education at Marian Catholic High School in Marion, Ohio. Bill was a devoted Catholic and was a member of St. Gregory Catholic Church in North East. He enjoyed the art of conversation, telling stories, and was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

Bill was preceded in death by the love of his life Patricia Ann Thomas; an infant sister, Glori Renee; and a sister, Johanna Stabile.

He is survived by his daughters, Renee Clark of Erie, Mary Sue Vaught (Thomas) of Deltona, Fla., Desiree Roth (Richard) of Hillsdale, Mich., and Teresa A. Ratledge (William) of Shepardstown, W.Va.; a son, William A. Thomas II (Yvette) of Collyville, Texas; and also numerous grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Friends may call at the William D. Elkin Funeral Home, 65 South Lake Street, North East, on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., and are invited to attend a prayer service on Monday at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Gregory Church. Private interment will be held at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Verona, Pa. Memorials may be made to St. Gregory Church, 136 West Main Street, North East, PA 16428, or to the Clelian Height for Exceptional

Students, Clelian Heights Lane, Hemifield Township, PA 15601.

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Service Summary

Visitation

2:00 PM to 4:30 PM, Sun Jan 20, 2019

William D. Elkin Funeral Home

Prayer Service

10:00 AM Mon Jan 21, 2019

William D. Elkin Funeral Home

Mass of Christian Burial

10:30 AM Mon Jan 21, 2019

St. Gregory Church

136 West Main Street
North East, PA 16428

