
Michael G. Teslicko

Michael G. Teslicko, 84, of Mountain Top fell asleep in the Lord early Monday morning, Feb. 24, 2014, in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Plains Township, following an illness.

Born Oct. 11, 1929, in the Brookside section of Wilkes-Barre, he was a son to the late Andrew and Julia Borszusz Teslicko.

Educated in city schools, he attended James M. Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre. Following his local education, Mike enlisted with the U.S. Army. He furthered his education in the military, realizing more than 20 years of service at the time of his retirement.

He was multi-lingual, graduating from the 47-week course in the Czech language in 1951 and returned to the Defense Language Institute at Monterey, Calif., in 1966 to successfully complete the 27-week German Language and Radar Repair School at Fort Monmouth. Mike later served in Japan, Germany, Korea and France. Military assignments were as a military police officer, patrolling Times Square in New York City. After completing his training with the Language Institute, he served as an interpreter with military intelligence on the Czech border; worked with the NCOIC of the Radar Division in Pirmasens, Germany, where he would meet his wife, Frieda. They would later marry on May 4, 1965, in Wilkes-Barre. Upon completion of his military service, he would later work 18 years with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Welfare.

Mr. Teslicko was a member of Holy Assumption of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre; American Legion 781 of Mountain Top, where he served as senior vice commander, adjutant and president of the Home Association; and also held membership in Veterans of Foreign Wars 9218 of Mountain Top and was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Andrew Teslicko, and by sisters, Julia Kopcho, Mary Gibbons, Margaret Whitesell and Geraldine Andes.

Surviving, in addition to his beloved wife of 48 years, the former Friedel Matheis, at home, are daughters, Shelia David and her husband, Eckard, Harsefeld, Germany; and Michelle Greier Roder and her husband, Rainer, Rinpar, Germany; grandchildren, Sarah Venessa and Lukas David; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral services with Panachida and full military honors will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Friday from the North Wilkes-Barre location of John V. Morris Family Funeral Homes Inc., 625 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, followed by the Office of Christian Burial with Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. in Holy Assumption of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 695 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. The Very Rev. James G. Hayer, pastor, will serve as celebrant.

Private interment will follow in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville.

Relatives and friends may join Mrs. Teslicko and her family for visitation and remembrances from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday. A Parastas service will be conducted at 4 p.m. Thursday from the funeral home, with Rev. Hayer officiating.

In lieu of floral tributes, memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans Administration Medical Center, 1111 East End Blvd., Plains Township, PA 18705, or to the Disabled American Veterans National Headquarters, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076.

To send Mrs. Teslicko and her family online words of comfort, support and friendship at this time, please visit our family's website at www.JohnVMorrisFuneralHomes.com.

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