
Thomas J. Comiskey

Thomas Joseph Comiskey passed into eternal life on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Kingston, he was the son of the late Bessie Dougherty Comiskey and Bernard A. Comiskey.

He was an Army veteran and served in the Korean War.

Tom was a graduate of Kingston High School, Class of 1947, received a bachelor degree in social work from King's College, Wilkes-Barre, and a master degree in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Scranton, Scranton.

He was employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a vocational rehabilitation counselor, and the Department of Veterans Affairs as a counseling psychologist for 25 years until retirement in 1994.

He was a member of St. Jude Parish, Mountain Top, and served as an usher.

Tom was a member of the Korean War Veterans of Wyoming Valley, American Legion Mountain Post 781, AMVETS, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Pennsylvania Association of Retired State Employees.

Tom loved to bowl and enjoyed playing softball with various teams. Music was always a part of his life. He would keep everyone entertained with his self-taught harmonica skills. Tom enjoyed walking in his yard and garden.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Bernard; sisters, Phyllis C. Jordan and Mary Beth Rodriquez; granddaughter, Angelica Ann Jumper; and nephew, Paul Timothy Rodriquez.

Tom is survived by his beloved wife of 43 years, Betty (Bettina) Vonelli Comiskey; daughters, Marlee Comiskey Stanski and her husband, Charles, Belvidere, N.J.; Denise Comiskey Jumper and her husband, Dennis, Mountain Top. He was the proud grandfather of five beautiful grandchildren, Charles, Christopher and Elizabeth Stanski; Aubrey and Anson Jumper; and sisters, Mary Louise Maser, Louisville, Ky.; and Ann M. Comiskey, Perkasio.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. from Desiderio Funeral Home Inc., 436 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. at St. Jude's Roman Catholic Church, with the Rev. Joseph Evanko officiating. Friends may call Wednesday, 5 to 8 p.m. Interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Church.

Condolences may be expressed at www.desideriofh.com.

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