

THOMAS FREDERICK FRANKART



Thomas Frederick Frankart was born on March 15, 1928, to Louis J. and Mary (Collins) Frankart, in Tiffin, Ohio, and passed away peacefully in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on December 1, 2023, with his loving family by his side. He was one of six brothers and grew up on a farm in Ohio. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 60 years, Nancy (Owens) Frankart, in 2012, and by his beloved son, Richard, in 1991.

After serving honorably in Japan for the U.S. Army in 1946-1947, Tom left the farm for the "Big City" of Pittsburgh, PA, not too far from his family home, where he was a proud graduate of Duquesne University. His choice of Duquesne was very important to him because it was a Catholic school, and they had a good basketball team. Here he met the love of his life, Nancy, at a party with his friends from Duquesne, and they were married on October 6, 1951, at St. Rosalia Catholic Church, in Nancy's Greenfield neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

Tom leaves behind his two surviving children, Nicholas (Mary) of Long Beach, California, and Barbara (the late Mark) Matera, of Pittsburgh; as well as five grandchildren, Matthew (Courtney) of Easton, MA, Thomas (Emily) of Philadelphia, PA, Patrick (Z) of Astoria, NY and Daniel and Sean of Long Beach, CA; along with three great-grandchildren, Phineas, Robert, and Alexander, all of whom adored him; and countless nieces, nephews and friends.

Although he had a strong work ethic and a successful career in the accounting, data processing and treasury fields, Tom's first priority was always his family. He retired in 1994 as Assistant Treasurer for Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel - where he had expertly guided the company through bankruptcy proceedings during the declining years of the American steel industry. He spent his final work years as Director of Finance & Administration for Didi Hirsch Community Health Center in Culver City, California.

Tom was an original and longtime member of St. John Fisher Parish, in Churchill Boro, PA, where he raised his family; and in later years at St. John Neumann Parish in Franklin Park, PA, where he faithfully attended daily Mass. Tom was also a proud member of the Knights of Columbus.

Tom was the most thoughtful, kind, humble, selfless, and self-giving man you would ever want to meet. In the words of his son, Nick, "He was the greatest man I've ever known."

Tom's family would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the wonderful staff at both Holy Family Manor, in West View, PA, and Southwestern Veterans' Center, in Highland Park, PA, for their kind and compassionate care for their father, especially during the final weeks and days of his life.

Visitation will be at Regina Coeli Parish, St. John Neumann Church, 2230 Rochester Road, Pittsburgh 15237, on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 10 - 11:30 a.m., followed by the Mass of the Resurrection at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to Maryknoll (missionaries to the poor and marginalized), P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302.

Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb