

## **BERNARD P. "BUTCH" TOMASIC**



Life-long resident of North Braddock, age 80, died on Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

Bernie was the beloved husband of his high school sweetheart, Andrea (Evans) Tomasic for 56 years.

He was the precious father of Ramona (Ty) Shaffer of Monroeville, Eric (Melissa) Tomasic of Glenmoore and Nicole (Scott) Reininger of Johnstown.

Bernie was the treasured grandfather of Tyler and Taylor Shaffer; Luka and Georgia Tomasic; and Emily, Remi, Penelope and Fiona Reininger.

Bernie is survived by his brothers, Bill (Mary Ann) Tomasic of Forest Hills and Francis Tomasic of Churchill, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his mother Elizabeth and father George, his brothers, George Tomasic, Larry (surviving spouse, Helen) Tomasic, Robert (surviving spouse Diane) and James Tomasic.

Bernie was a 1961 graduate of St. Thomas High School where he was a star basketball player winning various awards for his prowess. He earned a basketball scholarship to St. Vincent College playing 4 years for the Bearcats. He went onto pursue a career in at the Allegheny County Juvenile Family Division where he worked for 36 years retiring as Supervisor. He continued his education earning a master's degree in psychology at Duquesne University.

In the 1970's and 80's, Bernie served his community as a School Director of the former General Braddock School District. As a parent, he was actively involved with the Rankin Junior Tamburitzans Parent Organization.

Bernie was a member of the Ladies Pennsylvania Catholic Slovak Union, Croatian Fraternal Union and the Rankin Croatian Home.

Friends are welcome on Tuesday, December 26, from 3-7pm at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC.**, 700 Linden Avenue at Cable Avenue, East Pittsburgh (412-824-8800)

Mass of Christian Burial will be in Sacred Heart Church of St. Joseph the Worker Parish on Wednesday, 10am.

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