

THOMAS EDWARD (TOM) HALEY



Thomas Edward (Tom) Haley, 89, of Lower Burrell, PA, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 15, 2024, in the presence of his family. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 64 years, Shirley Ann (Koban) Haley, in 2019. Born November 7, 1934, in Portsmouth, OH, to Thomas Francis Haley and Catherine (Kate) Brunner, Tom was the eldest of six siblings. He graduated from Holy Redeemer High School in

Portsmouth, after which he began four decades of distinguished service in the U.S. Navy; first on active duty in 1953 - 1955, followed by an illustrious career in the U.S. Naval Reserve where he retired in 1994 as Master Chief Hospital Corpsman (HMCM). Tom and Shirley were married in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Plum, PA, in 1955 (with their reception in Shirley's hometown of Renton), and soon after, relocated from Portsmouth to Regency Park (Plum) where they began raising a family, Sheryl, Karen, Tommy, and Joey. In 1969, the family moved to Lower Burrell to the town, school, and house, on Sunset Drive that the family would forever call home.

Tom was a proud member of the nuclear community over the entirety of his career, beginning as a laboratory analyst with Goodyear Atomic in Piketon, OH, and followed by Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corp (NUMEC) in Apollo, PA. Ultimately, Tom embarked on a long and prosperous management career with Westinghouse Electric in the Nuclear Services Division (Monroeville, PA, and Large, PA), Fusion Programs (Monroeville, PA), and Space Initiatives (Baltimore, MD). Most notably, as he would always proudly relate, he earned a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh while simultaneously raising a family and working. Tom will always be remembered by the Lower Burrell contingent as the patriarch of the Hogleys, and with Shirley, they opened their home and pool to wonderful (and lifelong) friends of their kids, some of whom would occasionally test-drive one of Tom's MGBs or hand-painted VWs or another of the cars that filled the driveway on 200 Sunset.

As a grandfather, Tom was no less generous with his time and his knowledge. There was nothing he loved more than sharing convertible rides, sneaking ice cream cones, and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance (until it was perfect) with his grandkids. Surviving Tom are his daughters, Sheryl Haley (65) of Lower Burrell, and Karen (Tom) Reynolds (64) of Glassport, PA; and his sons, Thomas M. (61) of Murrysville, PA, and Joseph R. (59) of Bradenton, FL; as well as grandkids, Tanya Reynolds (Scott Stahl), Jacqui Reynolds, Brian (Devan) Haley, Thomas D. (Tommy) Haley, Kelly M. Haley, and Andy Widmer (Becca Hoffman); and great-grandsons Arthur Reynolds Stahl and Bud James Haley. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. The family also wants to graciously acknowledge the friendship and dedication of Bob Mehr for his kindness and attention to our dad and the entire family. Finally, the family will be forever grateful to the staff and nursing team at Logan Place in Lower Burrell for the comfort and support they provided to Tom and his family. Tom is the cherished brother of Bob (Catherine) Haley of Virginia Beach, Sarah (Ed) Gregar of Burnside, Kentucky, Jackie (Bob) Walker of Dallas, TX, and David (Jane) Haley of Virginia Beach. Family who preceded Tom in death are his wife, Shirley; their infant daughter, Michelle Marie; his sister, Carol DuPuy; and his son-in-law, Jack Widmer, who left us very recently and all too soon.

Family and friends are invited to gather beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 9, 2024, in the narthex of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Lower Burrell, PA, prior to a funeral Mass beginning at 10:00 am. Arrangements by **THE RUSIEWICZ FAMILY OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS, ARNOLD & LOWER BURRELL**. www.RusiewiczFH.com

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