

WILLIAM ROBERT BRASHEAR



Age 87, of Wilkinsburg, passed peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Mary Ann (Hilinski) Brashear, his parents, Oscar and Dorothy (Mitsch) Brashear, and brothers Joe (Alice), Jack (Pat), Bob (Kit).

Loving father of eight children, Beth (Phil Keller), Tom (Amy Tiani), Tim (Jonni Greco), Diane (Dan Antosik), Donna (Michael Gayso), Cindy (Steve DeLuca), Cheryl, and Charlene (Joe Peacock); devoted grandfather of Steven, Carolyn, Chrissy, Stephanie (Bill Yorty), Gloria (Brad Koehlinger), Melissa, Timothy (Nikki), Lauren (Pete Maurizio), Chad, Brian (Samantha), Ryan, Jordan, Tina (Charles Gowdy), Nick, Kaylie, Emily, and Chelsea; adoring great-grandfather of Milo, Skyler, Clayton, Kinsley, Giovanna, Angelina, Lilianna, Luca, Henry, and Jameson; brother of Jim (Judy), Paul (Audrey). Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Bill was a devout man of faith as a lifelong member of Saint James Church in Wilkinsburg and attending St. Fidelis High School seminary in 1952. He then graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1955 and proudly went on to serve in the 112th Air Refueling Group of the PA Air National Guard from 1955-1964. Beginning in the mailroom and retiring as Construction Supervisor at the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station, he worked loyally for 43 years at Duquesne Light Company. Bill was also past Exalted Ruler of the Wilkinsburg Elks.

Upon his retirement, Bill embraced life with Mary Ann; daughter, Cheryl, and his extensive family. He enjoyed long car drives through the mountains and family vacations in Ocean City, MD. His gentle spirit, unrelenting self-sacrifice, incredible strength and resiliency, and his welcoming smile are just a few of his character hallmarks.

Friends received Thursday, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Friday, 1:30 - 3:30 and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the **THOMAS L. NIED FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 7441 Washing Street, Swissvale, PA. Mass of Christian Burial at St. James Church, St. Mary Magdalene Parish on Saturday at 1:00 pm. www.niedfuneralhome.com

Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb