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Robert E. Irr, Sr., 98, of Winter Springs, Florida, and formerly of Pleasant Hills, Whitehall, McCandless, and Mt. Lebanon PA. He was the final surviving member of the Charles A. and Mary Philbin Irr Family of Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh, PA.

Robert (Bob), was preceded in death by his beloved wife, of 56 years, Mary Virginia (Ginny), who passed away February 14, 2003. He is survived by their six children, Mary Patricia Stossel (Kenneth) of Fayetteville, PA, Robert Irr, Jr. (Doris) of Monroeville, PA, Carolyn Steinberg (Julian) of Stowe, OH, Marjorie Huerta (Frank) of Chicago, IL, Nancy Bercini (Richard), of Winter Springs, FL, Timothy Irr (Janice) of Huntington, WV, sixteen grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.

Bob attended St. Justin Elementary and High School, graduating in 1940. He graduated from Duquesne University in June, 1947. Later, he became a charter member of the Duquesne Century Club, and was a member of the Duquesne University Board of Directors for 21 years (1968-1989).

Bob served for 3 years and four months in the Army. He spent two years as a Paratrooper, and the final years as an Officer in the Japan occupation, as a

member of the 11th Airborne Division. He was recalled to the Service during the Korean conflict. He spent four months at Indiantown Gap, PA, and one year at The Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, OK. Then, returning to Pittsburgh in August, 1952, he prepared to open a Discount Store, which was delayed by his Army recall. Partnering with Mel Eiben, Bob founded the firm, Eiben and Irr, Inc. on February 1, 1953, in downtown Pittsburgh's Clark Building. The firm grew to become a small department store, operating independently for thirteen years, before merging as a division of Spang Industries of Butler, PA. Bob continued as President and General Manager. On February 1, 1969, he decided to resign, as a result of several policy disputes with Spang Management.

Two months later, he was employed by the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh to re-organize the Diocesan Central Purchasing Department. Ten months later, he was appointed Diocesan Director of Finance and Administration, and was assigned to manage the re-organization, which had been recommended in a Booz Allen study. He retained the position, serving under four Diocesan Bishops (Bishop Wright, Bishop Leonard, Bishop Bevilacqua, and Bishop Weurl). Bob retired in April, 1989.

Mr. Irr was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1922. He was a Pittsburgh resident for 88 years. In 2012, he moved to Chicago to reside with his daughter, Margie, and the Huerta family; and in 2015, he moved to the home of his daughter, Nancy, and the Bercini family, in Winter Springs, Florida.

A Funeral Mass will be held in Florida at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church at 10:00 AM on Friday, September 10, 2021; address: 5300 Old Howell Branch Road, Winter Park, FL 32792

Visitation will be Friday, September 17, 2021, from 2-4 and 6-8, at the

Freyvogel Slater Funeral Home, 112 Fort Couch Road, Bethel Park, PA.

There will be a Memorial Mass on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 10:00 am, at Resurrection Parish (St. Thomas More Church) with Father Joseph Mele as celebrant.

Inurnment will follow at Queen Of Heaven Cemetery, 2900 Washington Road (RTE 19), McMurray, PA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may made to People Concerned For The Unborn Child, 3050 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226

The family of Robert E. Irr, Sr. invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
5300 Old Howell Branch Road
Winter Park, FL 32792
(407) 657-6114
<http://www.stspp.net>

Visitation

SEP **17**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Freyvogel Slater Funeral Home
112 Fort Couch Road
Bethel Park, PA 15241

Memorial Mass

SEP **18**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Resurrection Parish (St. Thomas More Church)
126 Fort Couch Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Inurnment

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Queen Of Heaven Cemetery
2900 Washington Road
McMurray, PA

Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Bob,

*I'll always remember the ORourke family traveling back to Pittsburgh from the Midwest for many visits to you and Aunt Virginia's home, hanging out with our cousins and sitting around the huge dining room table having dinners, discussing Notre Dame and Steeler football and the occasional "lively" political discussions. Aunt Virginia probably asked you when she saw you on August 21st...."what took so long" LOL. please tell her we said hello. 😊
You've left an incredible legacy.*

God Bless,

Jay & Juane O'Rourke & Family

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