



William J. Wilk

April 16, 1926 - March 24, 2019

William “Bill” John Wilk, a beloved family man and WWII veteran who served as an aerial gunner for the U.S. Army, died peacefully at home on Sunday, March 24, 2019, in Longwood, Florida, at age 92.

Bill is survived by three children: Lawanna Abraham, Delmont, Pennsylvania, Constance Enright, Longwood, Florida, and William Wilk Jr., Monroeville, Pennsylvania; brother Thomas Wilk, Emporium, Pennsylvania; sister Shirley Pigza, Cleveland, Ohio; six grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents John Wilk and Mary Louise Welsko, Cresson, Pennsylvania; brothers Frank Wilk, and Jack Wilk of California; and his wife of 26 years Thelma Marie Scott, Monroeville, Pennsylvania.

Bill was born on April 16, 1926, in Cresson, Pennsylvania, to John Wilk and Mary Louise Welsko. He was a WWII vet. In 1944, at age 18, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was an aerial gunner in the 93rd bomb squadron. Following his honorable discharge from the service, he returned home to get his high school degree at Cresson High School. While living with his Uncle Joe in Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, he met Thelma Marie Scott and they were married in 1953. Bill and Thelma bought a house in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, which would be their one and only, and together raised three beautiful children. Bill worked 35 years as a yardmaster for the Union Rail Road in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, until his retirement in 1981. In 2006, Bill

moved to Florida to live with his daughter Connie and her husband Tom.

His children remember their father as a strong, kind and honest man filled with love for his family. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing pinochle.

With a big smile and a firm hand shake, he will be remembered affectionately by most as "Pap."

Service information to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Alzheimer's Association at 225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601

Condolences can be sent to: <https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com/obituaries/William-Wilk-2/>

The family would like to thank Saint Mary Magdalen Adult Center/Share the Care, Hospice of the Comforter, personal caregivers and close friends for their kindness, love and support.

A funeral mass is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th, 10:00am, at Annunciation Catholic Church in Altamonte Springs, FL with a reception to follow.(At the home of his daughter, Connie) A prayer service will be held in the chapel at Penn Lincoln Memorial Park in Irwin, PA on April 16, 2019 at 1:00 pm with reception to follow at Cloverleaf Estates East Clubhouse, Delmont, PA. All are welcome to attend both services in celebration of Bill's life.

Tribute Wall

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“ My prayers are with you at this time of sorrow and great loss. Pap was not in my life for long but for the short time that he was, I was so blessed to get to know this gentle, sweet man. He was a gentleman with a gentle soul. I will always remember his handsome smile. I pray that he have eternal peace 🙏❤️



Rose Ann DeSio - April 03, 2019 at 10:17 PM

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“ We would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family. With deep sympathy, we share your sorrow, after the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with our loved ones who have passed, this is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us. May God give you the strength to endure the pain you are going through and may he embrace you and comfort your family during this difficult time."Jesus said to her: 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.'" - John 11:25

magallon family - March 25, 2019 at 02:37 PM

MC

I am sorry to hear of your Father's passing. He was a gentle man. Keeping you in my prayers 🙏

Melissa Waibel Candee - April 17, 2020 at 12:54 PM