



Thomas Albert Roditus

May 24, 1925 - December 21, 2018

Thomas Rодitus, 93, of Sterling Heights, passed peacefully in his sleep on Friday, December 21st at his home. He was born on May 24th, 1925 in Larksville, PA. He married his bride of 70 years, Rosalie Ann Shyner on April 10th, 1948. They relocated to Detroit, MI in the early 1950's. They then moved to Hazel Park in the mid-1950's, and lived there until 2007 at which time they settled in Sterling Heights, MI. He was a long time member of St. Mary Magdalen Church in Hazel Park, MI serving regularly in meeting the needs of the parish. He also was a member of the Secular Franciscan Order, and participated in the organization in Detroit, MI. Most recently he was a member of St. Mary of the Hills in Rochester Hills, MI. Thomas served in the Coast Guard during WWII, and was in battle on D-Day. He was a member of the VFW, and bowled for many years in their leagues. He is survived by his wife, Rosalie, daughter Theresa Brady (Gene) of Farmington Hills, son Thomas (Linda) of Orlando, FL, and daughter Lori Sims-Hickman (Troy Hickman) of Canton, GA. He had nine grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters. He is also survived by a sister, Helen Skovira, of Plymouth, PA, along with many nieces and nephews. Please offer Masses and/or donations to the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph.

Cemetery

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd
Holly, MI, 48442

Events

DEC 27 Visitation 05:00PM - 09:00PM

E.J. Mandziuk and Son Funeral Directors, Inc. -
Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, MI, US, 48314

DEC 27 Scripture Service 07:00PM

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DEC 28 Instate 10:30AM

St Mary Of The Hills Catholic Church
2675 John R Road, Rochester Hills, MI, US, 48307

DEC 28 Mass of the Christian Burial 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Cynthia lit a candle in memory of Thomas Albert Roditus



Cynthia - December 27, 2018 at 12:25 PM



“ The Jim Frickey Families and Stan and Lois Hickman purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas Albert Roditus.



Lois Hickman - December 26, 2018 at 08:54 PM



“ The McClure's and Armbrustmacher's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Albert Roditus.



The McClure's and Armbrustmacher's - December 26, 2018 at 06:58 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Thomas Albert Roditus.



December 26, 2018 at 05:41 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Albert Roditus.



December 26, 2018 at 07:17 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Albert Roditus.



December 23, 2018 at 10:49 PM



“ My Uncle Tom Roditus was the best Uncle I had of all. Some memories his attempts at combing his 'bald' head with the comb I gave him for Christmas as a very small child ...! making us all laugh ... his searching for ice skates (& finding) for me to skate at a big outdoor rink up in Detroit, MI when i came up for a visit as a senior in hs for Thanksgiving ... loved being up there with him, Auntie Rose & family so much, that I spent my Dunkin' Donut job \$\$ and went back AGAIN, for Christmas!! - he took me for the first time ever tobogganning ... to Tigers' baseball game ... etc. Taught me the 'proper' way to butter a nut roll.! I recall when he & family visited mine in Atlanta, how he would scrub & scrub w/Lava soap to get the mechanics grease out from his fingernails .. To his wonderful sense of humor, kindness and generosity. I can't pass someone on the side of the road needing help w/o thinking of him, as he always stopped to help people. I loved him so very, very much. I'm very very sad at his passing, but also glad to know he lived a happy long life, and passed peacefully in his sleep. I'll never forget him. Much love to everyone, Cynthia

Cynthia Moon - December 23, 2018 at 02:47 PM



“ Tom, a beautiful soul and wonderful brother-in-law who loved life! Always a joy to be around and share stories. You are loved by many and will be missed sorely. God Bless You as you rest in our Savior's Arms.....Condolences and love to the entire family....Mary Anne Piscotty



“ My dad was the best. He was a holy man of God...generous, patient, kind, gentle. On his 90th birthday I wrote him this poem which I believe captures the essence of his soul.

Because...

of how you have chosen to live your life, you have enriched mine.

your life is rooted in His love, you have generously given yours.

you desired to be a Father like Him, I have been blessed to call you Dad.

being that Father is never easy, I apologize for the pain I have caused.

through you I have been taught compassion, and shown mercy.

you listen more than you talk, you preach humility through your actions.

without your guiding hand, I would not be the person I am today.

the wisdom of your days was evident long ago, many have become wiser.

you have modeled a life of service I will care for you the rest of your days!

I have shared fifty years of your ninety, I will thank Him the rest of my life!

I love and miss you dad!!

Lori