



## Thomas D. Brown

Thomas D. Brown 93, of Jessup, died Friday evening at St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home, in Elmhurst.

His wife, the former Kathryn Rebar Brown, died in October of 2008. Tom and Kathy were married for more than 62 years.

Tom was born in Jessup, on April 19, 1923. He was the son of and last of 9 children born to the late John and Kathryn Coniff Brown. He graduated from the former Olyphant, St. Patrick's High School in 1940. While he was there he was an excellent student and excelled in baseball and basketball. His love of sports, particularly baseball was a lifelong passion. He played one season of professional baseball in the now defunct North Atlantic League and then played many seasons with the Olyphant

entry in some of the areas fastest amateur leagues He also coached youth baseball in the 50's and 60's, After high school Tom attended St. Thomas Commercial School in Archbald. His time there was cut short when he joined the service shortly after Pearl Harbor. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps and served in the Panama Canal Zone and the Eastern Pacific during World War II. He was a lifetime member of the Jessup VFW, Post 5544. Shortly after leaving military service Tom met Kathy Rebar, the love of his life. They were married in September of 1946 and their love endured until the time of her death. He was devoted to Kathy and utterly loyal to her. Her death was a shock that he endured but never completely got over.

Tom took an IBM course in 1956 with an eye to a career in information technology with what were then known as "business machines," the forerunner of the modern computer. He learned well and became a data processing supervisor at Daystrom, Capitol Records and finally Standard Brands, now known as Kraft Foods, in Wilkes-Barre. After a 22 year career at Standard Brands, Tom retired in 1984.

After leaving his primary career, Tom moved into a new role that of bartender and chief raconteur at the Boots and Saddles Tavern, owned by his daughter and son in law Michael and Kathy Moran. He embraced this role and his many customers would tell you that he was adept at providing your favorite beverage, giving unsolicited advice on a wide variety of topics and when necessary, dispensing a healthy dose of discipline. No One dared disturb him while Jeopardy or Notre Dame Football was on the television. Tom was a character loved by all who knew him.

His real talent in life was as an extraordinary husband and father. His constant goal was to ensure that his wife and children had what they needed, both materially and emotionally. He was habitually patient and kind and had the innate ability to know when someone needed a pat on the back or a kick in the pants. To his last day he was a full time 24/7 father. We who survive him were truly blessed to have him shape our lives

He is survived by two sons, Atty. Thomas D. and wife Patricia, Scott Township, and John and wife Lynn, Jermyn and three daughters, Kathryn Moran and husband Michael, Archbald, Susan Brown and husband James, Moscow, and Patricia Grunberg and husband Mark, New Orleans, LA; grandchildren, Kristen Cacciamani, Jennifer Blumer and husband Brock, Holly Chorba and husband, Jaime, Michael Moran and wife Emily, Nicole Brown and Sarah Gramarossa and husband Dan, great grandchildren; Aiden Cacciamani, Reagan and Reid Blumer, Sofia and Michael James Chorba, Ani and Bryn Moran and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 5 brothers, Patrick, John Joseph, Edward, Frank and William and three sisters, Anna, Mary and Catherine Brown Parette.

The family wishes to acknowledge the wonderful care provided by his long time visiting nurse Gina Heenan, Doctors Freda and Levinsen, the excellent staff on the 5th and 8th floor at Geisinger CMC and the amazingly kind and efficient staff at St. Mary's Villa.

The funeral will be Wednesday from the Louis M. Margotta Funeral Home, 511 Church St., Jessup with mass

at 9:30 at Queen of Angels Parish, St. Michael's Church, Jessup. Interment, St. Thomas Aquinas cemetery, Archbald. Friends may call Tuesday from 5 to 8 PM. For online condolences go to funeral home website. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen, 500 Penn Ave, Scranton, PA 18509 or St. Joseph's Center, 2010 Adams Ave. Scranton, PA 18509.