

Thomas William ("Diz") (Bill) Enright

THOMAS WILLIAM (BILL) ("DIZ") ENRIGHT HAMMOND, IN

Thomas William (Bill) ("Diz") Enright, age 93, of Hammond, IN passed away on September 14, 2015 at the William J. Riley Memorial Residence in Munster, IN. He is survived by his sister: Jo Ellen (John) Masick; sisters-in-law: Mae (Bob) Workman, Joy (Burt) Capps, and Fran Enright; his children: Jean (Dan) Szany, Kathy (Bob) Walker, Mike Enright, Angela Enright, and Brian (Dawn) Enright; his grandchildren: Candie (Michael) Westfall, Shelley (Rob) Waite, Trisha (Kevin) Surdyk, Summer (Brad O'Malley) Walker, Jackie Walker, Nicole (Brian) May, Adam Enright, Patrick Enright, and Maggie Enright; his great-grandchildren: Alexandra, Emily, Tyler, and Becca Westfall; Johnny, Vinnie, and Frankie Surdyk, and Steven Waite; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Thomas and Josephine (Desmond) Enright; brothers: Gerry and Robert Enright, sister: Peggy (Mike) Einsele, and great-grandchild: Baby Dorothy Waite. Bill was born in Hammond, IN. He went to All Saints Catholic grade school and Catholic Central High School in Hammond; Class of 1940. He enlisted in the [U.S. Navy](#) in 1942 to 1946. He was a Gunner's Mate First Class. He served aboard the USS Kennebago ship in the Pacific. He had a six year professional career, some of which was for the Chicago White Sox organization, in Triple AAA ball. He played in baseball, two years prior to the war and four after. He was a pitcher, who they say pitched like Dizzy Dean, thus the nickname, DIZ. He always said, "If there were more than 12 major league teams across the United States, he'd have been in the majors!" He was very proud that they brought him up 2 times to pitch batting practice in the old Comiskey Park! He played ball in Superior, WI and Owatonna, MN. In 1947, he married the love of his life, Margaret (Capps) Enright, who preceded him in death in January of this year. She traveled with him everywhere he was pitching! They were married for 68 years. After baseball, he returned to Hammond and worked in the Steel Industry, working at LaSalle Steel and Midwest Forging. He represented blue collar America at it's finest! He was very proud of his Irish Hertiage and was very thankful and grateful he was able to see the Emerald Isle two times. He loved his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren more than anything. He loved the holidays when the family was all together. He had a beautiful singing voice and sang for many weddings. Schubert's "Ave Maria" was his favorite. He was still singing to his daughters and many of the nurses at the hospital prior to his death. He was even singing to his wife holding her hand as she passed away in the hospital. He had a very long and fulfilling life. It was unfortunate that the last few years were so very painful, but he always said, "Do your suffering here on earth, so you can go to heaven." He was a very religious man who never missed Mass until the last few years when he was too ill to attend. He taught his family love, respect, and kindness. He laughed often and never met a stranger! His signature line was always, "Never had a bad day in my life, a lot of bad nights, but never a bad day!" A special thank you to the nurses at Munster Community Hospital on 4 North, who took especially good care of him. His doctors were wonderful and we cannot thank them enough! Also a special thank you to the care he received at the end of his life from the wonderful people at the Riley House in Munster, IN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be DIRECTLY at All Saints Church, 570 Sibley St. Hammond, IN on Saturday September 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. with Fr. Rick Orlinski officiating. Visitation with the family will be on Friday September 18, 2015 at **Burns-Kish Funeral Home**, 8415 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery, in Hammond, IN. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Plaza Memphis, TN 38105; www.stjude.org, or Hospice of the Calumet Area in Munster, IN, The William J. Riley House Memorial Residence, 600 Superior Ave., Munster, IN 46321. www.burnskish.com

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