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**DOUGLAS A. "DOUG" OPPERMAN(1925 - 2015)****OPPERMAN DOUGLAS A. "DOUG"**

Age 90, of Pittsburgh's Northside, died peacefully surrounded by his family on June 30, 2015. Born May 16, 1925, he was married 54 years to his beloved wife, Margaret "Peggy" Toner, who preceded him in death.

Doug was the devoted father of Donna Hinkle (Carl), Douglas Opperman, Jr. (Sharon), Lorraine Opperman-Dermond (Dale), Christine Charnesky (Robert), Kenneth Opperman, and Julia Edwards. He was a loving grandfather to Clint, Justin, Cliff, Shea, Leanne, Rachel, Ian, Chad, Emily, Wes, Christian, Leif, Chase and the late Mary; great-grandfather to Kennedy, Samuel, Isaac, Chase, Abigail, Nathan, Levi, and Ryan; brother of Thomas, James, Patricia, Evelyn, Richard, Barbara, and Hilary; and uncle to numerous nephews and nieces. As a teenager, Doug was the City of Pittsburgh Marbles Tournament Champion from 1937-1940, and represented Pittsburgh at the national competition held in Wildwood, NJ. In 1940, he won the U.S. National Marbles Tournament Championship and appeared at the World's Fair held in New York City, where he demonstrated his famous backspin marble shooting technique. In 2004, Doug donated his memorabilia from this era to the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania and it is displayed in the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum at the Heinz History Center. He was a minor league baseball shortstop who played for both the Pittsburgh Pirates and New York Yankees farm leagues. He worked as a pile driver, an ironworker, an airlines transportation driver, and later as business owner of Bellevue Carpet. An avid golfer and a loyal sports fan, he also was a respected baseball coach for North Pittsburgh Pony League and Bellevue- Avalon Little League teams. Doug was very generous, gracious, and fun, enjoyed his family, and was a dear friend to many. Friends and family will be received Sunday, July 5, 2015, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at LAWRENCE T. MILLER FUNERAL HOME, INC., 460 Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 6, 2015, at the Church of the Assumption. Interment will be in Christ Our Redeemer Cemetery with a reception immediately following at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 450 Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: Light of Life Rescue Mission, PO Box 6823, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

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