



William J. "Bill" Tonini

December 31, 1923 - December 12, 2013

Tonini, William J. "Bill", 89, of Hannibal, Ohio, died Thursday, December 12, 2013 at home.

He was born December 31, 1923 in Avella, PA, the son of the late Louis and Bianca Damin Tonini.

Bill was a retired maintenance worker at Mobay Chemical and a U. S. Army veteran of WWII.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Gloria Flannery; and a brother-in-law, Marty Flannery.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Dorothy Tonini; two sons, James P. Sweeny and Daniel (Janel) Sweeny; four grandchildren, Todd Sweeny, Marty Sweeny, Mark Sweeny and Dr. Erin Sweeny Siems; two great grandchildren, Cooper Sweeny and Corin Sweeny; a sister, Velma Nodurft; and numerous nieces and nephews including Michael Flannery, Kim Flannery Johnston, Jim Nodurft, and Nancy Nodurft Donnely.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Harter Cemetery, Hannibal, Ohio with Fr. David Gaydosik officiating and with military services conducted by American Legion Post 760, Hannibal.

Memorial contributions may be made to Medi Home Health & Hospice, 206 S. Main Street, Woodsfield, OH 43793.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, New Martinsville.

Cemetery Details

Harter Cemetery

State Route 7
Hannibal, OH 43931

Previous Events

Service

DEC 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ In this photo bill tonini has all the way on the right, referenced by his nickname that my grandfather had for him "Tiny". I never got to meet Bill but I heard stories about him growing up oh, I knew that they lost touch after the war but my grandfather loved him very much and considered him a brother. I was actually able to look up Bill in late 2012 and actually got to speak to him on the phone and it was an honor. He told me how much he also loved my grandfather I'm sorry They lost touch all those years. My grandfather passed in 2005 and now I hope he's up there having a beer with Tiny! God bless you Sarah thank you for your service



John DePalma - February 17, 2019 at 01:45 AM

DS

“ On behalf of my mom and our family, thank you for all the kind words posted here. We had a beautiful graveside ceremony on Monday, thanks goes out to the American Legion. We also shared many stories with laughs and tears at a luncheon following the ceremony. I'm proud to call Bill my dad.

Also thanks to David and the staff at Grisell Funeral Home in New Martinsville, your compassion and service is unmatched.

Dan Sweeny

Dan Sweeny - December 17, 2013 at 04:23 AM

PB

“ I knew Bill from the old days at Mobay..A fine man, and was liked by all that new him... You will be missed but not forgotten..
Condolences to his family..
Regards, Pamela Liniger Burlingame

Pamela Liniger burlingame - December 16, 2013 at 08:23 PM

GR

“ A sad day for baseball ! "Pop's was a very special person and dedicated his life to a game that I love! I Know as a coach and a fellow umpire he will be sadly missed around the diamond. My condolences go out to Bill's family and friends. "Pops" when he would go to the hospital at Sistersville he would ask my wife to call me and say he was there and wanted to talk to me. I would always drop what I was doing just to visit with a legend !
Any baseball venue in the state of West Virginia new of Bill Tonini, and was a well respected man throughout the state. Bill I am going to miss you !
Respectfully, Gene Rice

Gene Rice - December 14, 2013 at 02:26 PM

SM

“ <http://theintelligencer.net/page/content.detail/id/555685/A--Patton-s-Boy--Recalls-3rd-Infantry-Division.html>

S. Montgomery - December 14, 2013 at 01:32 PM

MB

“ Please accept our condolences on the loss of "Bill". We at Valley High School and their fans will miss Bill standing behind the plate and encouraging our children to always give it their best! He made attending a ballgame a pleasure and he has encouraged at least 3 generations of Valley Lumberjacks. He was a special man and we were blessed to have known him.
Mike and Debbie Bates-Lumberjack Boosters

Mike and Debbie Bates - December 14, 2013 at 09:13 AM

GC

“ It is such sorrowful news to find out we have lost our co-worker and great friend Bill. I am a retiree from Mobay and knew him very well. Prayers are being sent to the family in this time of need. He is now in heaven looking down on his family and friends. I can only imagine the laugh God is getting listening to him. RIP! my friend. You will be sadly missed by your family, friends, and community.

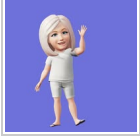


Gary Church - December 13, 2013 at 09:55 PM

JP

Prayers for Bill's family. He touched so many lives standing behind the plate or in the field. Also remember him refing basketball in the 50s with Bud Gatin. Would like to share a story Bill told me several years ago. Any who saw him umpire Mag games know how many times Bill and Dave C stood toe to toe and nose to nose "discussing" a call. I asked Bill, after one game, what he had said to Dave after one of these heated "discussions". Bill leaned back and said "I told Dave to get outta my face, your breath stinks"

Jim Price - December 14, 2013 at 06:56 AM



“ Sue Stack Grossenbaugh lit a candle in memory of William J. "Bill" Tonini



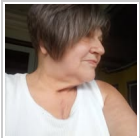
Sue Stack Grossenbaugh - December 13, 2013 at 09:18 PM



“ Dorothy and family, Sorry to hear about Bill. God bless your family.

Sue and Bob Grossenbaugh

Sue Stack Grossenbaugh - December 13, 2013 at 09:17 PM



“ So sorry to hear of his passing. Bill went to school with my mom and she used to talk about him alot, Angeline Bogo Ondrick

Ellen Ondrick - December 13, 2013 at 01:52 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of your family's loss. May God's love and peace help you through his time. I do not know if you remember me; I am Carole Roberts' sister. We all spent a lot of time together at the ball fields.

Patti Roberts - December 13, 2013 at 10:01 AM

TB

“ Bill was a WWII vet, a husband, father, friend and a mentor to any who knew him. Bill meant a lot to any student athlete who played baseball in the past 40+ years in the OVAC. Catchers learned of his quick wit and passion for the game of baseball. He had many awards, PA high school soccer hall of fame, OVAC hall of fame but he was a man that the limelight did not matter to him. Bill was a person who I was so lucky to spend so many hours traveling to and from games and umpiring with him, that I cherished each and every game we got to do together. His sausage was special, his wine was amazing but Bill's wit was his best. Bill will be missed by anybody who knew him. I loved Bill because of how he could make me laugh and he and Dot always invited me into his home after every baseball game we umpired, which would number in the hundreds together (making me the luckiest umpire in the world). Many tears will be shed for "Tiny"! May God rest his soul and condolences to Dot and the family. Tim, Lisa, Parker & Peyton Blue

Tim Blue - December 13, 2013 at 07:55 AM

MB

Bill was a special person and it was an honor to sit behind the plate with him for four years. I always joked with him about putting more weight on me than was on his own two feet. It was always nice to see Bill and Tim there to do a game together, no matter the score it was always fun and filled with laughs. We'll meet again one day!

Matthew Boggs
Tyler Consolidated
Class '97

Matthew Boggs - December 13, 2013 at 10:06 AM



Tim has expressed my feelings for Bill. We became friends from the first day I went to his Sports Shop and even better friends when he went to work at Mobay. My heart is filled with sadness for his family. He will be missed by me and many, many more. RIP my Good Friend.

Gary Cochran - December 13, 2013 at 11:14 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time May you come to know that the love of God is with you always, may your memories of William J. Tonini give you peace, comfort and strength...*

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is done. I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

William J. Tonini, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - December 13, 2013 at 07:11 AM

BW

“ *Dorothy and family,
We are saddened to hear of Bill's passing. May God be with you all during this season and in the coming year. Love Bart and Joyce (Indermuhle) Wiggins*

Bart and Joyce Wiggins - December 13, 2013 at 06:38 AM

MA

“ Marge lit a candle in memory of William J.
"Bill" Tonini



Marge - December 12, 2013 at 10:00 PM