



Thomas Layden

November 3, 1921 - November 3, 2012

Thomas John Layden, 91, of Hoopeston, IL, passed away at 12:45 A.M. on Saturday November 3, 2012 at his daughter's home in Fair Play, South Carolina. He was born January 19, 1921 in Cheneyville, IL, the son of Edward and Cornelius (Fitzgerald) Layden. Mr. Layden graduated from Rossville High School and attended St. Joseph's University in Rensselaer, IN and Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. At a simple bridge game, he met his future bride Bernice Mary "Bunnie" Brickner. They were united in marriage on June 17, 1944 in Burlington, Wisconsin and were married for 65 years. The two of them raised seven children and farmed in the Hoopeston area all their lives. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Hoopeston and an active member of the 4th degree of the Knights of Columbus in Danville. His family was the center of his life, especially his grandchildren. He and his wife enjoyed several trips to Europe, one to Hong Kong and Thailand, Costa Rica, Nova Scotia, the Bahamas and to Ireland several times. The most rewarding was receiving a blessing for their 60th wedding anniversary in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy. Tom never really retired...there was always one more sale to attend.

Tom is survived by four daughters, Mary Beth (Darvin) Taylor of Bloomington, IL, Jane (Tom) Sweeney of Hoopeston, IL, Susie (Jon) Fobes of Naples, FL and Peggy (John) North of Fair Play, S.C. and three sons, Dan (Libby) Layden of Baltimore, MD, Tim (Karen) Layden of Medinah, IL and Steve (Kathy) Layden of Oakwood, IL. He is also survived by 3 sisters and 2 brothers.

He was Papa Tom to 17 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 2 more great-grandchildren on the way: Michael Layden and son Jake of New York, NY, Thomas (Lindy) Layden and sons Owen and Ian of Baltimore, MD, Pamela Layden of Medinah, IL, Kimberly Layden of Medinah, IL, Matthew Layden and daughter Yelka of Oakwood, IL, Abby Pettit and her children Raenen, Oliver, Tad and Ave of Oakwood, IL, Brian (Mandy) Wiltz and their children Payton, Preston, Micah and Macy Jo of Lexington, IL, David Wiltz of Bloomington, IL, Kevin (Nicole) Wiltz and their children Anna and Laia of Bloomington, IL, Megan (David) Penfold and daughter Aubrianna of Windsor, CO, Nathan (Bob) Sweeney of Baltimore, MD, Margaret (Paul) Hart of Nashville, TN, Deidre Sweeney of Cedar Rapids, IA, Eric (Amanda) Fobes and their children Layden and Lucy of Kansas

City, KS, Ellen Fobes of New York, NY, Hayley (Justin) Jett of Covington, KY and Dylan North of Columbia, SC.

He was Uncle Tom to many nieces and nephews and Cousin Tom to several cousins. Tom never met a stranger!

He was preceded in death by his wife Bernice, his parents, one sister Mary Ellen and one brother Paul.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home
427 E Main Street
Hoopeston, IL 60942

Rosary

NOV 9. 7:45 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home
427 E Main Street
Hoopeston, IL 60942

Burial

NOV 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Floral Hill Cemetery
Hoopeston
IL 60942

Funeral Mass

NOV 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Anthony Catholic Church
423 S. Third St.
Hoopeston, IL 60942