

William "Bill" Donohue



Clinton, N.J., resident William "Bill" Donohue, 79, died peacefully on March 28, 2012, at the Country Arch Nursing Home in Pittstown, N.J., surrounded by loving family. Calling hours will be Thursday, March 29, 2012, from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Naughtright-Scarponi Funeral Home in High Bridge, N.J. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in High Bridge, N.J. Afterward, Bill will be interred with Military Funeral Honors in Pinelawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Farmingdale, N.Y., with his son Joseph. Mr. Donohue was born on Nov. 10, 1932, on Pacific Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., to Ann (nee Sullivan) and Thomas Donohue (both parents immigrated from Ireland, his father arriving on the Lusitania in 1909 from County Cavan). He was the youngest of five children, preceded in death by Catherine and husband, Thomas Ryan, Thomas, Peter and wife, Rita, and Ann and husband, Michael Fox. He received his BA in economics in 1960 and a master's of economics in 1965 from Brooklyn College. Schooling and his career at AT&T were interrupted for a time by the Korean War. After attending basic training at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., CPL Donohue served in the Honor Guard, 3rd Infantry, Company G, in Washington, DC. In May of 1954, after an honorable discharge from the Armed Forces, Bill married his beloved wife, Nora Agnes (nee Berry), in Nora's childhood parish of St. Matthew's in Brooklyn. Nora and Bill were blessed with five children, Nora, Joseph, Thomas, Billy and Tara. In 1974, Bill relocated his family from Baldwin, Long Island, to Clinton, N.J., continuing his career at the newly relocated AT&T world headquarters in Basking Ridge, N.J. Upon retirement from his marketing career at AT&T in 1996, Bill transitioned to a new career in teaching, first as a substitute in various Hunterdon County elementary schools, and ultimately as a permanent assistant at JP Case and Reading-Fleming, both in Flemington, N.J. Mr. Donohue is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Nora; his daughter, Nora, and spouse, Dr. David Krick, in Nutley, N.J.; his son, Billy, in New Hope, Pa., and his daughter, Tara, and spouse, Sean Palen, in Ringoes, N.J. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Jared Krick and spouse, Kathryn Blaze, in New York City, and Sean, Thomas and Shannon Palen, residing in Ringoes. He was predeceased in death by sons, Joseph and Thomas.

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