



William Thornton

May 26, 1924 - July 20, 2010

William J. "Bill" "BI" Thornton, age 86 of Carneys Point, NJ ended his courageous battle and passed away peacefully on Tuesday July 20, 2010 at Southgate Health Care Center, Carneys Point, surrounded by family.

Born in Newport News, VA in 1924, he moved as a child to New Castle, DE and was raised by his Aunt and Uncle.

He was a WWII Veteran of the United States Navy where he served on the USS LCI as Seaman First Class in the Philippines and he crossed the equator.

Bill worked for Anchor Hocking in Salem where he met his wife Angie, he enjoyed 52 wonderful years with her. He also worked for Chrysler in Newark, DE, retiring after 30 years of service.

He had been a lifelong member of the former St. James RC Church, Penns Grove, NJ, the United Auto Workers, and the Blood Bank of Delaware.

Bill had been an avid vegetable gardener and enjoyed cooking and baking. He was also the family photographer.

He had been a Dallas Cowboys fan and formerly enjoyed playing darts.

Bill will be remembered most of all for his generosity and kindness and for his sense of humor.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 52 years, Angelina (nee Cafaro) in 2002.

He will be deeply missed by his daughter, LuAnn M. Thornton of Carneys

Point, his brothers, Francis Thornton of Wilmington, DE, Alvin Thornton of Lincoln, DE, and his sisters, Annabelle Brown and Marie Shockley, both of Salisbury, MD and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 AM Wednesday, July 28 in Corpus Christi RC Church, 369 Georgetown Rd., Carneys Point, NJ.

Relatives and friends are also invited to attend a viewing on Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 PM in the Ashcraft Funeral Home, 47 State St., Penns Grove, NJ.

Interment with military honors will follow in Lawnside Cemetery, Pilesgrove, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Salem County Humane Society, Game Creek Rd., Carneys Point, NJ 08069 or the Alzheimer's Association, Delaware Valley Chapter, 399 Market St., Suite 102, Philadelphia, PA 19106. www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com