



Thaddeus "Ted" Bokina

January 13, 1922 - December 5, 2011

Bokina - Thaddeus "Ted" Bokina age 89 of Snellville passed away Monday, December 5, 2011. A Funeral Mass will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church, 3200 Brooks Drive, Snellville, GA 30078 with Father Jim Henault, M.S., serving as celebrant. Ted was born in Hatfield, MA on January 13, 1922; he was the son of the late Alexander and Waleria (Szablinska) Bokina. Ted graduated from Massachusetts State College (now UMASS) in 1943 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Economics, and he was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. Ted played college basketball from 1939-43 and was also known as "The Giant" in UMASS basketball lore. He was Captain and leading scorer of the 1942-43 team. Ted played professional basketball for the Boston Goodwins, Fitchburg PAMCOS (league champions), and Midland's Dow Chemical in the NBL, a precursor to the NBA. Ted retired in 1979 from Civil Service at Robins Air Force Base, where he was a computer programmer in the early years of the computer industry. Ted had a beautiful voice and loved to sing. He was an avid golfer and tennis player, and shared the 1993 Senior Olympics doubles tennis title for his age group in Houston, TX. Ted loved his family and was dearly loved, and he will be missed. Ted battled cancer for many years, and his strong spirit lives on in all those he touched. He was predeceased by his brother, Carl J. Bokina, a U.S. Army Air Forces pilot, who was killed in World War II; brother, Henry S. Bokina and sister, Helen Bokina Oliver. He is survived by his Son & Daughter-in-law: Jon Alexander & Beatriz

de Boné Bokina; Grandchild: Alexander Thaddeus Bokina, all of Snellville; Niece & Husband: Dr. Ellen Bokina & Michael Paszek; Great Niece: Jenna Paszek, all of MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, 1250 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. A Prayer Vigil will be held at 5:30 PM Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church lead by Father Neil Jones, M.S., with the family receiving friends from 5:30-7:00 PM. Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 2246 Wisteria Drive, Snellville, Georgia 30078. 770-979-5010. Please sign the online guest registry and view the video tribute at www.stewartfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church
3200 Brooks Drive
Snellville, Ga

Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thaddeus "Ted" Bokina*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - December 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thaddeus "Ted" Bokina*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *I knew Ted when he was a programmer at Robins AFB, Ga. I enjoyed his company and conversation with him. He was a kind and gentle man. A gentleman, if you will. He was a big man and I always marverled at his huge hands. I'm saddened to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. I lost a good friend. You lost a father and lovd one. May God bless and give you strength during these coming days. Franklin Cheek###imported-begin###Franklin Cheek###imported-end##*

December 12, 2011 at 09:38 PM



“ I knew Ted quite well growing up next door to the Bokina family. I always remember when Ted worked with his brother Henry during tobacco harvest, if Ted was below me in barn I did have to reach down much to pass tobacco plants. His basketball achievements at UMASS , and early pro career were remarkable. I also knew Henry and sister Helen, great family and all did great in their careers.##imported-begin##Bernie Goclowski##imported-end##

December 10, 2011 at 07:53 AM