

Fox Funeral Home

William J. Carney

(January 27, 1927 - April 1, 2010)



BOARDMAN — William J. Carney, 83



There will be prayers at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday at the Fox Funeral Home in Boardman and a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Holy Family Church, celebrated by Msgr. William Connell, for William J. Carney, 83, who passed away peacefully Thursday evening at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Boardman surrounded by his family. Mr.

Carney was born Jan. 27, 1927 in Youngstown, a son of William F. and Elsie Mae Woodall Carney and was a lifelong area resident. He was a graduate of South High School. He was a Navy veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict serving in the Pacific in both as a signalman. William worked in the Metallurgical Lab at Sheet and Tube and with Metropolitan Housing Authority until retirement. He was life time member of AMVETS, Past Commander of AMVETS Post 35 in 1958, Past President Brownlee Woods Rod and Gun Club, Past president of Mahoning County Sportsman Federation, Past President of The Men's Garden Club of Youngstown, Past President of Central Great Lakes Region of TGOA/MGCA, Past National President of the Gardeners of America/ Men's Garden Clubs of America. Bill was a member of the Board of The Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens for six years and President of the Board in 1997. He has volunteered at the Gardens since 1988 and served as a tour guide for youth and adult groups. He was an accredited Horticultural Show Judge, certified Master Gardener and a member of the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Service Agency. Bill helped reorganize Boy Scout Troop #2 in Poland, served several years as assistant Scoutmaster and was Committee Chairman of the troop and continued to serve as Scout Counselor for Citizenship and gardening. He was a member of the Ohio Legislature serving as State Representative in 1961-62 and 1965-66. Bill was honored along with his wife, JoAnne at the Governors Residence February 14, 2005 for their life long service to the community. He was selected to greet President George W. Bush and his wife Laura when they visited the Mahoning Valley in October of 2004. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, the former JoAnne Ashley, whom he married February 15, 1952, a son, Kevin M. (Barbara) Carney of Struthers, a sister, Carol Sulenski of Medina, OH, four grandchildren; Travis (Dawn) Carney of Columbiana, Justin M. (Candice) Carney of Canfield, Amanda R. (Brian) Sierra of McDonald, Caitlin M. Carney of Youngstown and twelve great grandchildren. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Lois Baiss and a brother, Robert M. Carney. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The family request that any memorial donations be made to Fellows Riverside Gardens or Men's Garden Club of Youngstown, 123 McKinley Ave. Youngstown, OH 44509.

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