

Thomas F. McAndrew

Thomas F. McAndrew, 88, of Bernville, a former Frackville resident, passed away peacefully Monday afternoon at Penn State Health-St. Joseph's Medical Center, Reading.

Born in Pottsville, he was a son of the late Vincent and Florence Omlor McAndrew.

He was a member of St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church, Robesonia, and was a life-long member of the former St. Joseph Catholic Church, Frackville.

Tom was a 20-plus-year veteran of the Army, attaining the rank of sergeant first class during the Korean War. After retiring from the service he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service, having last worked at the Pottsville office until his retirement in 1987.

He was a life member of the Knights of Columbus, Father James A. Hogan Council 2580, Frackville, where he had served as a past grand knight and treasurer for more than 25 years and was the editor of the Pinta newsletter for the council for 30 years. He was also a member of the Schuylkill Assembly, Fourth Degree, K of C.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Helen Decker McAndrew, in 1996, and a sister, Regina Fredericks.

Tom is survived by a son, Thomas F. McAndrew and his wife, Mary, Edmond, Okla.; a daughter, with whom he resided, Mary Helen and her husband, Kenneth Berger, Bernville; four grandchildren, Michael McAndrew, Emily Bashore, Kara Care and Madeline Berger; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Sullivan Funeral Home, Frackville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at Annunciation Church of St. Joseph's parish, Frackville, with the Rev. Robert T. Finlan, pastor, as the celebrant.

Interment with full military honors will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Englewood, Frackville. Friends may call at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday with the Knights of Columbus service at 7:30 p.m. and a scripture service at 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers contributions in Tom's name, be made to Knights of Columbus 2580, Joseph Recla, Box 366, Frackville, PA 17931. To sign the guest book, leave personal condolences and for further information please visit

www.thomasmsullivanfuneralhome.com.

Thomas M. Sullivan Funeral Home, Frackville, is in charge of arrangements.