



Thomas Bossler

December 31, 2010

Age 79, of Washington Twp., died Friday December 31, 2010. He was born January 22, 1931 in Johnstown, to the late Edwin S. and Louise Hite Bossler. He was predeceased by his wife, Patricia Rerko Bossler in 1993 and a son Michael J. Bossler (13 yrs. old) in 1977, and two sisters Betty Dwyer and June Bossler. After graduating from Johnstown High School in 1948, he entered the Naval ROTC program at the University of Louisville. He served as an officer aboard a "tin-can", the USS Cogswill from 1953-1956 in Korean waters. After military service, he married in 1956, earned a Masters degree in Chemical Engineering in 1957 and began work with US Steel Research Laboratory in Monroeville, In 1966 he transferred to the Clairton Works and was a principal in installing the cryogenic processing of coke oven gas and also biological cleaning of waste water. He was named Chief Engineer at Clairton Works in 1975 and transferred to Central Engineering in 1980. He earned a Masters degree from Duquesne University in Biochemistry in 1980. He became Director of Engineering and Research and retired in 1998 after 41 years of service. Mr. Bossler was a past president of the Monroeville Toastmasters and a member of the American Legion, NRA, and VFW. He designed and with his son Tom, built an underground home in Washington Township. He is survived by his sister Edwina Bernat, a daughter Mary Louise (Don) Rugh of Gibsonia, a son Thomas (Barb) Bossler of Monroeville, a daughter Patricia (Fred) Schuler of Freeport, and a daughter Jennifer (Pete) May of Plum Boro; also survived by 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He is also survived

by his dear friend and companion Helen Seibert. Friends received at the GENE H. CORL INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL & CREMATION CENTER OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (1 block East of Mosside Blvd.-Rte. 48) (A Golden Rule Member). Visitation Monday and Tuesday 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Bernadette Church on Wednesday at 10 a.m., with Father Jim Salberg, as celebrant. Interment will follow in Good Shepherd Cemetery, Monroeville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the American Red Cross, Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter, 225 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, are greatly appreciated.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Tom was one of the most loved, well-respected, smartest, most humble & giving persons that has ever walked this planet & his loving memory will no doubt live on fondly forever! To the best man I ever had the pleasure of meeting, next to my dad!*

Heather Dwyer - January 16, 2011 at 01:32 PM

CA

“ *from the Todd Streidl family: "Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to the entire family. Uncle Tom, may you know the wonderful impact you have had on our family. The heavens have one more angel. Bless the Bossler family and Helen. With our deepest sympathies, Todd, Mary, Raechel, and Jess.*

Cheryll Corl Atticks - January 07, 2011 at 08:27 AM

JP

“ *Tom was a member of Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society, Kentucky Beta 1953, and we send sincere condolences.*

Jim Froula, P.E. - January 04, 2011 at 05:54 PM

CS

“ Tom was one of my closest shipmates on USS Cogswell (DD651) and we had wonderful experiences all over the Pacific from 1953 thru 1957, chasing subs, handling the ships equipment and weapons, teaching the crews we managed, and spending many "Liberty Calls" together in Pacific ports-of-call. His construction engineering design of the underground home was one of his amazing achievements that this California Architect had the pleasure of experiencing when Barbara and I visited him. The producing rooftop garden was unique. His 'Bossler pocket penlight' that he presented to me with during our recent visit to Pennsylvania will forever be cherished in fond memory of a great comrad and warrior. Barbara and I will miss him tremendously. Our condolences to his extended family.

Capt. Jack Stevenson - January 04, 2011 at 08:27 AM

BH

“ Uncle Tom had many amazing ideas. I can't say I understood all of them, but he was inspiring all the same. His theory of the afterlife was especially so, being scientific and spiritual at the same time. I didn't know him to be wrong often, and so I trust that he is where he thought he'd be now. Shine on, Uncle Tom!

Brenda Hahn - January 03, 2011 at 03:50 PM

MW

“ Anyone who has had the pleasure of knowing and talking with Mr. Bossler is a lucky person. Please accept my sincere sympathy to his family and friends. He will missed.

MaryAnn Wetmore - January 03, 2011 at 03:08 PM