

Stephen J. Simons

Father of the Rev. Dr. James Simons, Rector of St. Michael's of the Valley, Ligonier

Stephen J. Simons, retired Dravo Corporation manager, died of heart failure on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at home in Sewickley, PA.

Mr. Simons, age 89, a longtime resident of Edgeworth, PA, was born in Passaic, NJ, to the late Jewett C. and Lillian (Kellmyer) Simons. He spent his formative years in Sidney, NY. He was a 1947 graduate of Sidney Central High School and a 1951 Civil Engineering graduate of Union College, Schenectady, NY. He was employed by Dravo Corporation for 43 years prior to his retirement in 1994.

Mr. Simons was a member of the Sewickley Presbyterian Church, and a former member of Shields Presbyterian Church in Edgeworth, where he served at various times as Trustee, Deacon, Member of the Session, and Church Treasurer. In addition, he was active for many years in the Shields Church Christian Education department, where he served as a teacher and later as church school superintendent. During this time, Mr. Simons also was an advisor to the Sewickley Area Presbyterian Youth Group, leading teenagers on summer work mission trips to inner city churches, and to various rural communities throughout Appalachia. Mr. Simons was active in community affairs serving as a Little League manager in Shadyside, Ohio, and later as an umpire in the Ohio Valley Little League in Sewickley for over ten years.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Dolly L. (Hartline) Simons, of Edgeworth, PA; one son, the Rev. Dr. James B. Simons of Ligonier, PA; one daughter, Stephanie Jo O'Kane of Edgeworth, PA; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018, at 12 Noon at the Sewickley Presbyterian Church, 414 Grant Street, Sewickley, PA. Burial will be private. The family suggests memorial contributions, if desired, be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929 or to Sewickley Presbyterian Church.

Much more at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?n=stephen-j-simons&pid=188113575>



Helen L. Moore

Mother of Thomas Moore, member of the diocesan Board of Trustees

A resident of Scott Twp., formerly of Mt. Lebanon, on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Beloved wife for 68 years of the late Robert W. Moore; dear mother of Thomas Moore, Priscilla Jane Moore; mother-in-law of Maryann P. Moore; loving grandmother of Andrew, Peter, Sarah; great-grandmother of Frank, Georgina, and Creedence.

In her early years, Helen taught at Claysburg High School. She was a member of Trinity Cathedral Church and was on the Altar Guild. Later in life, she enjoyed traveling with her husband and caring for her grandchildren.

Friends welcome 10-11 a.m. Saturday, February 17, 2018, in Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 328 6th Avenue, Downtown Pittsburgh. Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

More at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?n=helen-l-moore&pid=187997177>



William A. Cosgrove Geisler

Father of the Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler, Rector of St. Peter's, Brentwood and diocesan Canon for Ordained Vocations

Peacefully passed January 8, 2018, surrounded by his family. He grew up in Mt. Lebanon, the pride of his parents, William and Catherine. He worked hand digging house foundations and at a slaughter house to help support them through the Depression. He joined the Navy at 17 and was part of the early occupation of Japan. His World War II stories sounded more like *Hogan's Heroes* than *The Longest Day* but he would spin colorful stories for anyone who'd listen. After the war he was the first of his family to graduate from college with a degree in engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. He married the love of his life, Elizabeth "Betty" Jane Ruefle (Shaler), and they were married for 50 years before her death in 2007.

He was employed at J&L Steel and Howard Hanna before his retirement. He enjoyed hunting and his Steelers. His mind remained sharp and he would read the newspaper and watch the news every day to make sure he could advise his children.

He is survived by his four children: son James Francis Geisler, wife Karen (Sekely), their daughters Manda and Sierra; daughter Victoria Geisler, her daughter Hailey Myers, and partner Ed Zavatchen, and their daughter Zoey; daughter Leslie Geisler Geier, husband Dan, son Ben, and late daughter Elora, and stepchildren Wendy Ruano, husband Andres, and children Gabriel and Samuel, Michael Geier, wife Kristen, and daughters Abby and Ruth and Tim Geier, wife Lyndsay, and children David and Elora; son William (Jay) Geisler, wife Jennie (Korn), and daughters Grace and Emma. Bill's late brother Thomas Geisler, his wife Gloria; brother Donald Geisler, wife Emily; and his numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Anyone who knew Bill, knew him as a dog lover. He would repeat in depth conversations that he had with his dog and the advice he had gotten. He is survived by his dog Zella. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Animal Friends would be appreciated.

There was a memorial service on January 20, 2018, at Christ Episcopal Church, North Hills.

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