



## Thomas D. Younkins

August 30, 1932 - November 19, 2017

Thomas D. Younkins, 85, passed away on Sunday November 19, 2017.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA on August 30, 1932, he was the son of the late Leona and James A. Younkins Jr. He was predeceased by his brother James A. Younkins III.

Tom was raised in Mt. Lebanon, PA. He graduated with high honors from Mt. Lebanon High School in 1950. He earned a BS with honors in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State University in 1954. He was a letterman on the varsity track teams of both schools. He was a member of five honorary societies and the Phi Gamma Delta Social Fraternity at Penn State.

Tom worked for the General Electric Co. for 38 years, retiring in 1992. He graduated from GE's 3-year Advanced Engineering Program in 1957.

At Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory he led a group contributing to the design and development of the AIG nuclear reactor, two of which powered each of all ten Nimitz class American aircraft carriers, built from 1968 to 2006. He also

was a Senior Consulting Engineer for the Power Systems Engineering Department where he worked on several contracts that developed advanced technology for the Tokyo Electric Power Company. During his career at GE Tom also taught graduate nuclear engineering as an adjunct professor at Union College for 19 years.

After retiring Tom tutored at Guilderland High School and also with Literacy Volunteers of America teaching English as a second language. He enjoyed sailing, skiing, music appreciation and reading — especially history. He was a passionate, lifelong learner.

Tom was predeceased by his wife Marlene Wells Younkens in 1989. They were married in 1957 and were the proud parents of three children.

He is survived by his wife Ellen Clark Younkens who he married in 1992 and his children Karen Kana (Daniel) of Bedford NH, Dana Musciano (Frank) Portland ME, Glenn Younkens of State College PA and his grandchildren Bryan Kana, Christine Kana Fetter, Gregory Kana, Brett Kana, Nicholas Musciano, Cara Musciano, John Musciano, Lindsey Younkens, and Mark Younkens.

Calling hours and funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 No. Allen St., Albany, NY.

Visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com) to leave a message for the family.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com  
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## Service

DEC 2. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas D. Younkins*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Ellen and family:*

*We are so sorry for your loss. Tom was a mentor and life-long friend. I remembered his humor, our lunches at Maurice's, our trips to Tokyo, and his bow ties. May he rest in peace.*

*Joe and Doris Chow*

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**Joe H Chow** - December 01, 2017 at 08:47 PM



“ *Ellen and family*

*So sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and the family.*

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**Bonny Pavlick** - November 30, 2017 at 07:46 PM