



Mayor Daniel T. Rose

January 17, 1921 - April 23, 2015

Mayor Daniel T. Rose, 94, suddenly and unexpectedly, died on April 23, 2015 in Mercy Hospital. Dan's legacy was rooted in his love of his children, Suzanna and Dan, their life accomplishments, and proud service to country and the community of Irwin. His pride and success in life could be measured in many ways. Dan treasured his children's accomplishments, supporting their life goals while continuing a vibrant and active life of community service. Dan often would reflect on Suzanna's ultimate academic career achievement as well as his instrumental contribution to his son, Dan's development and successful swimming pool companies in Westmoreland County.

A lifelong resident of Irwin, his only time away was during his proud and challenging service in the Army Air Corp during WWII. Serving as a bomber pilot and a Lieutenant, he was shot down over Budapest, Hungary and held as a POW at Stalagluft 3 for eleven months. Returning home to Irwin, Dan completed a bachelor's degree at the University of Pittsburgh on the GI bill and entered the highly competitive life insurance business. He had a long and successful career at Prudential Insurance and upon his retirement continued to sell insurance.

Dan became Mayor of Irwin in 1986 and served 29 years in that role. Prior to that, he served on the Irwin Council for ten years. Dan loved and treasured every aspect of Irwin. He was especially proud of the advances in the professionalism of his police department. He was committed to sustaining the vibrant merchant district of Irwin and the numerous activities that made Irwin a small town with a future. The 150th anniversary of Irwin was so treasured and memorable. He loved the concerts, the parades and the activities that drew families near and far to the best little town in Westmoreland County. Dan was born January 17, 1921 in Hahntown, a son of the late Daniel Charles and Mary (Lorence) Rose and was also preceded in death by his wife Isabel (Metz) Rose and a sister Betty Reiter. He is survived by his children, Suzanna Rose (spouse Jackie Gopie) of Miami, FL and Daniel C. Rose (spouse Karen) of North Huntingdon; and nephews, Jim, Rick, and Mike Reiter. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Shidle lodge, No. 601, F. & A.M., VFW Post 781, American Legion Post 359, L.O.O.M. Lodge 236, F.O.E. Aerie 1671,

Norwin Elks, and the Jacktown Ride & Hunt Club, all of Irwin. Friends will be received from Noon to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc., 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in First United Methodist Church, 310 Oak Street, Irwin, with Rev. David S. Lake, officiating. Those attending the service please go directly to the church. Interment with military honors will follow in Union Cemetery. Shidle Lodge will hold a masonic funeral service at 1 p.m. Sunday and the VFW will hold services at 7 p.m. Sunday, both in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers a contribution can be made to VFW Post 781, 100 Billot Ave., North Huntingdon, PA 15642. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

Irwin Union Cemetery

431 Bridge St
Irwin, PA 15642

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 26. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

APR 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mayor Daniel T. Rose*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Mayor Daniel T. Rose*

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *Dan and Karen,*

I just seen the sign driving by today. I was sorry to read it. He always made me feel at home and was a great gentleman. Please accept Julia and my deepest sympathies.

Sincerely,

Frank and Julia Zaitz

Frank Zaitz - April 27, 2015 at 10:42 PM



“ *Dan,*

Please accept my sympathy. Your father was a real gentleman and professional. He had a great personality and work-ethic. A good listener and conversationalist, I always enjoyed his company. His memory and your family are in my prayers.

Sincerely,

Dan Clougherty

Dan Clougherty - April 26, 2015 at 05:26 PM



“ *Dan & Karen: Sorry for you lose. Dan Rose will always be the Mayor. His shoes are going to be hard to fill. We had many good times together. Dan taught me the ropes of government when we served together on Irwin Council. I will sadly miss him.*

Jim Schade

James Schade - April 26, 2015 at 11:14 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Mayor Daniel T. Rose.*



April 24, 2015 at 08:38 PM