



## Donald Karanovich

March 23, 1922 - September 3, 2015

Donald Karanovich, 93, of North Huntingdon, died at home Thursday September 3, 2015. He was born March 23, 1922 in Shafton, a son of the late John and Sara Banjac Karanovich. Don was a retired physical education teacher for the Norwin School District and had also been a teacher for the Trafford School District where he coached several sports for both schools. He was an Army veteran of WWII, and was awarded a battlefield commission to First Lieutenant and a bronze star for valor for service during the Battle of the Bulge and Remagen Bridgehead. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh where he played football and was an active alumnus assisting with sports programs where he and a group of friends requested and watched films of Pitt football games for fun. This impromptu gathering led to the establishment of the Laurel Golden Panther Club. Don later became treasurer of the organization and was honored with the Alumni of Distinction in 2008. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Irwin, the Golden Panthers Alumni Association, and the Westmoreland County Coaches Association. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by brothers, George and Albert Karanovich and sisters, Mildred Bozich, Rose Lawrence, Josephine Dvorsky, and Sadie Rahne. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Shuster Karanovich; sons, Donald Karanovich Jr. and his wife Launa of CA, Mark Karanovich and his wife Lisa of VA, and Kurt G. Karanovich and his wife Gail of Greensburg; ten grandchildren, four great grandchildren; a sister, Bess Perkins of North Huntingdon; also nieces and nephews. There will be no viewing. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 617 Main Street, Irwin. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to The University of Pittsburgh in honor of Don Karanovich, Office of Institutional Advancement, 128 N Craig St., PGH, PA 15260. Arrangements handled by the William Snyder Funeral Home Inc., 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200. For online condolences please visit [www.snyderfuneralservices.com](http://www.snyderfuneralservices.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
617 Main Street  
Irwin, PA 15642

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Karanovich*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Donald Karanovich*

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *We always loved to see Mr. Karanovich when he came to visit his grandkids in Maryland. Many fond memories. Our prayers are with all of the Karanoviches.*

*Ed and Sharon Allia and the Kids*

Ed Allia - September 07, 2015 at 07:38 PM



“ *I was a seventh grader at Trafford High School when Coach K was my physical education teacher. He later became my football coach for one year when he left of Norwin. I fondly remember him for his gracious toughness as a teacher and coach. He helped shape not just my life but many students. May you all rest in God's providence during this time.*

*Dennis Drennen THS 68..*

Dennis Drennen - September 06, 2015 at 01:00 PM



“ *I played football and had Coach Karanovich as a teacher at Trafford High School. I graduated in 1963. Coach taught me to never back down from anything in life. Meet it head-on he would say and never walk away from anything. It certainly worked for me.*

*My sincerest condolences to Coach's family.*

*RIP Coach.*

*'Big' Al Kelly*

Al Kelly - September 04, 2015 at 10:31 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers for the Karanovich family.  
Our Tuesday golfers will miss a great man.  
He was our weekly auditor " Give me a buck and you won't have so much" was  
his statement each week.  
I can see and hear the foursome (Lyman Stough, Dick Rizzardi, Chuck Hursh and  
Don) at the Heaven Golf Course trash talking and having a great time.*

*Rest in peace my friend.  
Tom Shrump*

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**Tom Shrump** - September 04, 2015 at 08:39 AM