



Thomas L. Beck

August 1, 1932 - April 24, 2026

Thomas L. Beck, 93, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Indiana and Youngwood, died Friday, April 24, 2026.

He was born August 1, 1932 in Youngwood, the son of the late Morris E. and Mary (Magill) Beck. Tom was a graduate of Youngwood High School and earned his bachelor's degree from Slippery Rock in 1954 and a master's degree from Duquesne in 1961 following a two-year stint in the U.S. Army. He earned four letters in basketball and two in soccer at Slippery Rock and was the team's co-captain and a first team AIPPSAC West selection his senior year. He stepped in as the Men's Basketball Coach at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1983 and led the team to the conference playoffs each season including a pair of trips to the semifinals. He was inducted into the Slippery Rock Hall of Fame in 1993 and into the IUP Hall of Fame in 2010. Tom is survived by his wife Dorothy June (Turney) Beck; his children David (Joan), Greg (Blair), Daniel, and Christi Beck (Anthony); his grandchildren Nicolas Beck, Hannah Zatlun (Sam), Olivia Beck, Lena Beck, Savannah Beck, Cole Beck, Mason Beck, Allyson Hartley and Morganne Shute; a sister Marilyn Brown of Youngwood; also several nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main St., Irwin, where a funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. with Rev. Andrew Fritz, officiating. Interment will follow in St. Clair Cemetery, Greensburg.

In lieu of flowers a contribution can be made in Tom's memory to Paws Across

Pittsburgh Animal Rescue at www.pawsacrosspittsburgh.com.

For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Clair Cemetery

944 St. Clair Way
Greensburg, PA 15601

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 30. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ My name is Dr. Jim Herstine. I was born and raised in North East, MD and had the honor and privilege of playing basketball for Coach Beck for 3 years! We won 2 conference championships during my 3 years with Coach Beck losing only 1 conference game and made it to the State semi-finals my junior year! I graduated from NEHS in 1966. Coach Beck not only had a profound impact on my life as a basketball player but he also had a significant impact on my life in general. Several of us who played basketball for Coach Beck at North East High School have tried unsuccessfully over the years to locate Coach Beck and see him again. Unfortunately, we failed in our attempts until Jess Crouch, who also played for Coach Beck at North East came upon this obituary. I am so sorry we were not able to locate Coach Beck's until now. Coach Beck will NEVER be forgotten from those who played for him at North East High School!

James H. Herstine - June 04 at 02:45 PM

JC

“ Just came across this. Jess Crouch from North East, MD. Graduated 1965. Played for Coach Beck 2 years. State final four. Have tried many times to find Coach. Finally found this, but too late. So sorry for you all. Left my info with the funeral home.

Jess Crouch - May 28 at 12:20 PM

LS

“ No one could have been a better friend than Tom. Our relationship lasted 56 years when Tom came to IUP. Great memories will last me for the rest of my life--- IUP, basketball games & road trips, Indiana Lions, hunting camp in Somerset County, golf with the RECAPS, and the many conversations on the front porch swing. A great guy who will be missed by many.
Lou Sutton.

Lou Sutton - April 29 at 07:42 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Beck.



April 29 at 03:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Beck.



April 29 at 03:25 PM

RK

“ Deepest sympathy to Coach Beck's family. Shirley & I got to know Tom & June when they moved to CWV. We became good friends. Tom will be missed. He was an excellent example of how to treat his wife. We know he is in Heaven with Jesus. Ron & Shirley Kummer

ronald kummer - April 28 at 11:11 AM

PA

“ Deepest sympathy to Coach Beck's family. Tom was a good friend and great coach at IUP. In addition to being a great coach, he was a great friend and a great person. He will be greatly missed. He was a founding member of the Recaps wednesday golf league and all the recaps will truly miss him. He had a unique sense of humor that I will always remember.

Pete Alexander - April 28 at 10:44 AM

HU

Deepest sympathies to the Beck family. Coach lived across the street from us in Sunset Acres. And we had the priviledge of knowing about him from our relative Tony Bernardi....we knew of his goodness, work ethic and compassion from Tony before we were neighbors. May he rest in peace. Prayers for his family. John and Hollie Uccellini

Hollie Uccellini - April 29 at 07:32 PM

RZ

“ Coach Beck was my high school coach at Mt. Pleasant. My inspiration for the career choices I made. Rest in Peace Coach-you will always be remembered as the consumate professional and genuinely good person.

Raymond R. Zsolcsak - April 28 at 09:46 AM

MK

“ Deepest sympathy to Coach Beck's family. Tom was a good friend and great coach at IUP. The teams coached by Tom and Carl Davis provided a great atmosphere and excitement for IUP. In addition to being a great coach, he was a great friend and a great person. He will be greatly missed.

MaryLou Kraynak - April 27 at 06:16 PM

DW

“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Tom was a wonderful neighbor in Sterling Hills Estates and will be dearly missed. Please know our family is here to support in any way needed. Prayers and Love,
Dave and Sue Williams

David Williams - April 27 at 05:32 PM

JG

“ I remember Coach Beck from his days at IUP. He was a true gentleman and a great coach. He will be greatly missed. I am so sorry for your loss.

James Geidel - April 27 at 01:03 PM

AT

“ I remember Coach Beck from his days at Clarion. Even though I was a football player we had many good discussions about sports. I also sometimes sat with him at the WAC luncheons. He was a good guy.

Arthur Tragesser - April 27 at 09:14 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Beck.



April 27 at 08:22 AM

PL

“ Tom was a great former neighbor and friend. I have many fond memories of working out in the field house together, fishing at camp and conversations on his back porch swing. Tom had a calming presence that I enjoyed being around and never had an unkind word to say about anyone. Tom will be greatly missed.

Paul “Lefty” Lefko

Paul Lefko - April 26 at 07:25 PM

DF

“ Dan and Norma Bossart Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas L. Beck.



Dan and Norma Bossart Family - April 26 at 06:26 PM

MF

“ Much love, Tony, Sue & Pam and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas L. Beck.



Much love, Tony, Sue & Pam and Family - April 26 at 12:06 PM

MF

“ Much love, Tony, Sue & Pam and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas L. Beck.

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“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Beck.*



April 26 at 11:55 AM



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April 26 at 11:55 AM



“ *Oh Christi, I am so very very sorry. It immediately takes me back to when my beloved Dad died. Aren't we eternally blessed to have known the love and guidance of such wonderful Fathers. Thinking of you.*

Cynthia Lilly - April 25 at 07:45 PM