



## Rev. Thomas L. Funk

November 27, 1940 - October 3, 2024

The Reverend Thomas L. Funk of North Huntingdon passed peacefully on October 3, 2024. Born November 27, 1940, in Munhall, Thomas was the son of the late Albert J. and Elizabeth E. Funk.

Thomas, an Eagle Scout and graduate of Thiel College and Drew University, dedicated his life to the ministry of the United Methodist Church, serving as the pastor of the South-East Erie Ministries Henderson, Crafton, McKeesport First and Calvary (North Side) UM Churches along with temporary positions at the Irwin First and Port Vue churches. He also led both the Erie-Meadville District and Pittsburgh District as their Superintendent. His kind and gracious demeanor allowed him to guide and support the congregations of his churches in a remarkable way.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Grace Elizabeth Ekis. He is survived by his cherished wife of 61 years, Narda A. Funk, son Thomas E. (Laura) and daughter Tamara (Brian Ekis). He was the devoted grandfather of Colin J. (Quinn Anlauf), Garrett T. and Claire A. Ekis. Also survived by brother Gary W. (Arlene), brother-in-law David (Patsy) Asson, the late Robert (Kathy) Asson and numerous nieces and nephews. Tom will be remembered by his family as the most supportive and caring husband, father, Pap, brother and uncle. His love of beach vacations, baseball, movies, and humorous storytelling will forever impact their lives.

Friends will be received on Tuesday from 4 to 8 pm at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200, and Wednesday from 10 am till time of service at 11 a.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Ave, Pittsburgh 15233. Interment will follow at Round Hill Cemetery in Elizabeth.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Reflections Of Grace Foundation, [reflectionsofgrace.org](http://reflectionsofgrace.org) or PO Box 298, Irwin, PA 15642.

For online condolences please visit [www.snyderfuneralservices.com](http://www.snyderfuneralservices.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Round Hill Cemetery

2131 Round Hill Church Road  
Elizabeth, PA 15037

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

OCT 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church  
971 Beech Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

## Funeral Service

OCT 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church  
971 Beech Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233



# Tribute Wall

JT

“ I worked at the church when I was a teen..RIH..My condolences and prayer to the family..

Joyce Tate - March 17, 2025 at 06:26 PM

LT

“ I'll never forget you Rev. Funk. You were a blessing to the Brown / Thomas family. You baptized me and some of my cousin when I was a teenager and the person I am today was made possible due to your influence. I'll love you always and I know god welcomed home one of his angels. My thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Narda and the family. Love Ladadsia and Shelly Thomas and the Brown Family ❤️



Ladadsia Thomas - October 19, 2024 at 05:43 AM

NB

“ Nancy B. Bosco lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas L. Funk



Nancy B. Bosco - October 10, 2024 at 12:03 PM

NB

Reverend Funk was an honest, caring and extraordinary man. He was committed to serving people regardless of their circumstances in life. He truly sought to make this a better world, and included all with his respect and kindness.

Nancy B. Bosco - October 10, 2024 at 12:06 PM

MO

“ *I would not have become a United Methodist pastor without his influence and advocacy. Wonderful man of God!*

*Mark Ongley*

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**Mark Ongley** - October 08, 2024 at 03:24 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rev. Thomas L. Funk.*



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October 08, 2024 at 11:57 AM

LG

“ *Love Tori, Alyssa, & Gia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Thomas L. Funk.*

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**Love Tori, Alyssa, & Gia** - October 08, 2024 at 11:57 AM

JC

“ *Jack, Matt, Hannah & Critty purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Thomas L. Funk.*



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**Jack, Matt, Hannah & Critty** - October 08, 2024 at 10:15 AM

JC

“ Jack, Matt, Hannah & Critty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Thomas L. Funk.

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**Jack, Matt, Hannah & Critty** - October 08, 2024 at 10:15 AM



“ 134 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**William Snyder Funeral Home** - October 08, 2024 at 09:16 AM

BH

“ Dear Narda and family,  
I hold you in my heart, as Tom was a Thiel classmate ('63), and we had lots of good times together, especially when he brought you to campus on many occasions. He was a good man and friend. Peace be with you all.

*Bill Hauser*

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**Bill Hauser** - October 07, 2024 at 04:36 PM

DF

“ Dearest condolences to you all. Tom was a great man to my family, from Crafton Methodist to Calvary. God bless you all

Sincerely,  
Dianne Farrell Inghram and family

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Dianne Farrell - October 07, 2024 at 12:51 PM

DZ

“ How the years together fly by, Narda. And how real the shock when the together part ends, though we know the day will come. Tom was a good pastor and a good DS. I appreciated and admired Tom for his calm, thoughtful ways, his wisdom and fairness in decisions, and his lifelong willingness to continue growing in faith and understanding regardless of where it led. I remember a coffee/ice-cream date we had in Erie with you and Tom one night [Eat n' Park?]. It was many years ago now, when we were in Edinboro. The DS/Pastoral charge roles and mindset were set aside and we just visited and laughed and freely talked. You were amused when I said I was thinking of getting a tattoo since so many young pastors had joined the "tatted" crowd. You asked me what I would get and I replied "I don't know, maybe a cross and flame logo somewhere," to which you laughed out loud. That is one warm memory that comes to mind. May the blessing of comforting and strengthening memories come to you daily, Narda, and with your whole family and loved ones. -Dean & Linda Ziegler

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Desn & Linda Ziegler - October 07, 2024 at 12:44 PM

TM

“ So many memories between our two families - beach vacations, New Year's Eve celebrations, Pirate games and the list goes on. I was honored to have your dad marry Todd and I in 2007. I am so very sorry for your loss. I know you all hold precious memories of your times together as a family. Sorry we cannot come and see you in person, but please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Todd and Lesley (Rhodes) McGill** - October 06, 2024 at 07:47 PM

DR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed my short time working with him at Irwin First UMC. I chuckle at the memory of the Easter that he hid chicks in his robe to surprise the children and the chicks made their way to his arm pit! And the time he released balloons to the sanctuary ceiling so that the little boy who had let his go would not feel sad. (Note: there is still one stuck in the rafters!) He loved talking with the children!

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**Dianne Runser** - October 05, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rev. Thomas L. Funk.



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October 05, 2024 at 02:57 PM



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October 05, 2024 at 01:22 PM



“ *L. McGill and C. Rhodes Families* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Thomas L. Funk.

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**L. McGill and C. Rhodes Families** - October 05, 2024 at 01:22 PM