



Thomas J. Connelly Jr.

May 15, 1926 - January 25, 2013

Funeral Mass for Thomas J. "Tom" Connelly Jr., 86, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday January 29, 2013 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor. Mr. Connelly passed away Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, at Lake Health West Medical Center in Willoughby. Born May 15, 1926, in Peoria, Ill., he was a resident of Mentor before moving to Willoughby two years ago.

Mr. Connelly was a licensing inspector for the Ohio Department of Education preschool special education for 12 years. Before that, he was a marketing manager for the large lamp division of General Electric at Nela Park for 32 years. Tom was one of the founding members of Lake Catholic High School in Mentor and a member of the Hall of Excellence. He was an avid golfer and was a teaching pro and coach. Tom was a graduate of Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind., with a bachelor of science degree in economics in 1950. He was a member the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Dorothy "Dottie" Connelly; children, Tom (Karen) Connelly III of Mentor, Joan Nelson and Jean Schonauer, both of Perry, Mark (Caroline) Connelly and Tim Connelly, both of Concord, and Kelly (Jeff) Brancel of Painesville Township; grandchildren, Tommy (Jessica) Connelly IV, Sean (Marissa) Connelly, Brian (fiancée Alison Abernathy) Connelly, Erin Connelly, Dany and Greg Schonauer, Megan (Dan) Greene, Matt, Mackenzie and Michaela Connelly; and one great-granddaughter, Claire

Elyse Connelly. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas J. Sr. and Marie Connelly.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060 or Breckenridge Village Life Care Fund, 36855 Ridge Road, Willoughby, OH 44094.

Online obituary at www.brunners.com.