



Thomas R. Yenco

September 18, 1922 - February 25, 2013

Thomas R. Yenco, age 90, of Mayfield Heights for the past 61 years, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2013, at Geauga Regional Hospital in Claridon Township. He was born Sept. 18, 1922, in New Salem, Pa.

Mr. Yenco was a retired telegraph operator for the former New York Central and Conrail railroads for 35 years. He was an avid Cleveland Indians and Browns fan. Thomas was a U.S. Army World War II veteran, serving in the European Theatre. While serving in the European theatre, just before D-Day, Thomas met in person the Queen of England. From that meeting, he kept in contact with the Queen and she referred to him as "Tommie."

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Ruth H. (Phelps) Yenco; son, Terry (Linda Bodi) Yenco of Chardon; grandchildren, Chris Wranna and Suzanne (Donald) Folk; son-in-law, Robert Wranna; brothers, Larry Yenco, Jerry Yenco, Robert (Barbara) Yenco and Charles (June) Yenco. Preceding Thomas in death are his daughter, Ruth Ann Wranna; parents, Steven and Barbara Yenco; and siblings, Pauline Validá, Albert Yenco, Agnes Radosovich, Betty Russell, Marge Faluske, Steven Yenco and Marty Yenco.

A celebration of Thomas's life will be held 5:30 p.m. Saturday March 2, 2013 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. The family will receive friends from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made to the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Wade Park Campus, 10701 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106, or a charity of your choice.

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