



Basil "Bill" Romanyshyn

October 14, 1915 - December 28, 2016

Basil Romanyshyn fell asleep in the Lord, Who granted him a long, healthy and productive life, one dedicated to the church, which he served as choir director/cantor into his 99th year. He departed this earth on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at the blessed age of 101. Born on October 14, 1915 in Allentown PA, son of the late Anna and Basil Romanyshyn, he and his family moved back to Ukraine. There he trained at a young age and worked as a choir director until 1933 when he moved back to the United States. Basil was proud of his service in the U.S. Army as a World War II veteran. He was an active member of the Private Andrew Prestash Post 15 of the Ukrainian American Veterans. After the war he worked as a tool & die maker at Landers, Frary & Clark, Royal Typewriter and Honeywell. Bill took much pride in his ability to solve mechanical problems. There was hardly anything he could not fix. With the help of friends, he built his own home.

Bill was a member of St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in New Britain, where he was choir director/cantor for over 50 years. A tireless worker for betterment of the church, he received several citations of appreciation. On his 100th birthday, he was awarded The Medal of Saint Petro Mohyla, the highest honor for non-clergy service to the church, presented by Metropolitan Antony, head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. Basil helped with many Ukrainian community activities including financial secretary for over 50 years of the St. Peter and Paul Society of the local branch of the Ukrainian National

Association, representative to UNA functions and also financial secretary of the Ukrainian Sich Society.

Basil is survived by his daughter Ann Romanyshyn, a goddaughter Cynthia Burr and several nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Olga (Kowalchuk) Romanyshyn and two brothers, Walter and Michael Romanyshyn.

Funeral services will be held Monday (January 2, 2016) at 10 AM at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 54 Winter Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Calling hours are Monday morning from 8 to 10 AM at the church. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting with arrangements. Many thanks go to dear friends Michael, Julie, Joan, Diane and Mike; to Father Andrii, Father Stephen, Father Prodeacon Tony, choir members and fellow parishioners; to VITAS Hospice, caregiver Lucia and kind neighbors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Ukrainian Cemetery

New Britain, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 2. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church
54 Winter Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Funeral Service

JAN 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Our sympathies go out to all those who knew and loved Basili. May God find a place of repose for Basili in a place where there is neither sighing nor sorrow but in a place of life every lasting. From Fr John, Presbyteria Adina, Auxentios, and Orestes Afendoulis

Fr John Afendoulis - January 04, 2017 at 02:35 AM

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“ I'll always remember Mr. Romanyshyn as a true gentleman devoted to his family and his greater church family. He will truly be missed by so so many. May he rest in peace. Memory Eternal.

Rosemary Demetro

Rosemary Demetro - January 03, 2017 at 02:06 PM

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“ Many lovely memories of your father come to me. I am filled with the happy tears of those memories, blessed to have them, and sad tears that I will not have more. Both of your parents were so very dear to me. My deepest sympathies to you. May you find comfort in the knowledge that he meant so much to so many. Vichnaya Pamyat.

Heather Duffy - January 02, 2017 at 08:21 AM

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“ Ann, your devotion to your father was an inspiration to us all. He was a true gentleman and a gentle man whom we had the privilege to know and love.

The Wowk Family

Diane Wowk - January 02, 2017 at 06:44 AM

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“ *Thoughts and Prayers to you Ann and your family. May God continue to Bless and comfort you and yours at this difficult time.
Sincerely, Sandra Skoglund Flynn (Nathan Hale '64 and Pulaski '67)*

Sandra Skoglund Flynn - December 31, 2016 at 10:05 AM