



## WILLIAM L. BARRETT

July 7, 1924 - February 18, 2020

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in Bill's honor to:

The Department for Persons with Disabilities,

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Paterson at <http://ccpaterson.org/Barrett>

### VISITATION:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

4PM TO 8PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

### FUNERAL MASS:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

12NOON

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE RC CHURCH

5635 BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD

OAK RIDGE, NJ 07438

### INTERMENT:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

FOLLOWING FUNERAL MASS

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CEMETERY

ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH

William L. Barrett, of Oak Ridge, NJ, passed away peacefully on Feb 18, 2020. He was born on July 7, 1924 in Paterson, NJ to the late Lillian and Leo Barrett.

Bill was a proud WWII veteran of the US Navy, where he served as a radioman on gun crews from 1942 to 1946 on several ships.

He met the love of his life after they corresponded as pen pals during the war, and when they finally met, it was love at first sight. He married Alice M. Smith when the war was over, and the newlyweds settled in Clifton, NJ where they raised four children. Bill and Alice had a long and happy marriage for 54 years until Alice passed away in 2001.

Bill had a successful career as an automobile salesman for Buick, Cadillac and Oldsmobile for 43 years.

He loved his family more than anything, and he instilled strong Catholic values and faith in his children. Active in the parish of St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Clifton, NJ for approximately 40 years, Bill became a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus.

In 1988, Bill and Alice moved to Oak Ridge, NJ to be closer to their grandchildren and joined St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Bill had unwavering faith and was active with the Knights of Columbus until his death. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 564 in Oak Ridge.

Bill was a kind man who had a great sense of humor and he loved making people laugh. He liked everyone and had many life-long friends. His only real hobby was taking care of his family—he loved unconditionally, always encouraging and supporting the family. Nothing brought him greater joy than his children, grand-children and great-grandchildren. He deeply loved his wife,

Alice, and together they taught their children how to love. The love that he taught by example may be his greatest legacy.

Bill is survived by his children: Bill (Laurel), Thomas (Patricia), Cindy (Dave), and David; four grandchildren: Dana, Kathleen, Timothy and Gavin, and four great-grandchildren: Tiana, Davis, Maxwell and Isla. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and other loving family members.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 pm, Friday, Feb 21 at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Rd., Newfoundland.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at noon on Saturday, Feb. 22 in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Rd., Oak Ridge, NJ.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home  
187 La Rue Road  
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)  
Newfoundland, NJ 07435  
(973) 697-6700  
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Mass

FEB **22**. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church  
5635 Berkshire Valley Road  
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438  
(973) 208-0090

## Interment

FEB **22**. 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery  
5635 Berkshire Valley Road  
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438  
(973) 208-0090

# Tribute Wall



“ As a librarian at the Jefferson Township Library, I only knew Mr. Barrett as a reader and a library user. It was a pleasure to know him, he was always interesting, interested, and a true gentleman, one of the Greatest Generation who will not pass this way again. God bless him, may he rest in peace.

Christine O'Brien - February 20, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of WILLIAM L. BARRETT.



February 20, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ He had such a great life, & wonderful, loving family. Bill is the last of the 'great generation' of the Barrett/Smith family. We miss him already.

K Lane - February 19, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ Walter Endlicher lit a candle in memory of WILLIAM L. BARRETT



Walter Endlicher - February 18, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of WILLIAM L. BARRETT.* ”



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February 18, 2020 at 08:11 PM