



## Thomas "Pops" Cummings

October 6, 1926 - October 5, 2015

Thomas "Pops" Cummings, 88, of Butler, PA, passed away peacefully on October 5, 2015. Born October 6, 1926, he was of the first generation to be born in America to his Greek immigrant parents, William and Angelina Cummings. Tom was the second generation proud owner and operator of Cummings' Candy and Coffee Shop in Butler, which was established by his father William Cummings and Uncle Pete Cummings in 1905. Tom was a 1944 graduate of Butler Senior High School when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was stationed onboard the USS Heerman until the end of the war. After serving in the Navy, Tom went to work with his father where he managed and continued to grow the family business. Tom also played semi-pro football for the Butler Tigers from 1946 to 1948.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Cummings (in 1968) and Angeline Cummings (in 1971), and his brother, John "Chico" Cummings in 1943.

Tom had a zest for life and a commitment to make a difference in the lives of his family, business, community and friends. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steeler fan, purchasing season tickets in 1948 when the Steeler games were played at Forbes Field, and an avid poker player. Tom was a dedicated father, grandfather and father-in-law, always providing support, love and compassion to his sons, granddaughters and daughters-in-law. Apart from being

committed to his family, Tom was a pillar in the downtown business community, serving customers of multiple generations, always greeting them with his personal touch and infectious smile, making everyone feel special. His honesty, integrity and well-mannered approach to life are qualities to admire

He is survived by his sister, Helen Cummings of Ocean Park, ME; three devoted sons, Bill Cummings of Butler, PA, Bob Cummings of Dallas, TX and Barry Cummings of Butler, PA; his former spouse and mother of his children, Lillian Schottland of Butler, PA; four beautiful granddaughters, Sarah Cummings of Dallas, TX, Emma Cummings of Raleigh, NC, Thomasina "Tommi" and Penelope Cummings of Butler, PA; two loving and compassionate daughters-in-law, Susan (Ritchie) Cummings of Dallas, TX and Jennifer (Logan) Cummings of Butler, PA; as well as numerous extended family members.

Cummings - There will be visitation for Thomas "Pops" Cummings at Young's Funeral Home, Ltd. 127 West Jefferson St. Butler, PA 16003, on Friday, October 9, 2015, from 1pm to 3pm and 6pm to 8pm. A memorial service for family and friends to celebrate Tom's life will be held on October 10, 2015, also at Young's Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Father Paisius McGrath from Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church officiating.

[www.youngfuneralhomes.com](http://www.youngfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Young Funeral Home, Ltd.  
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PO Box 1522  
Butler, PA 16003  
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## Service

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Young Funeral Home, Ltd.  
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# Tribute Wall

DW

“ *When I first walked in to his shop, I thought I was back in the fifty's, it was so cool. Then I meet Tom, I did not want to leave. He will be miss by so many people.*

*Bill, Bob and Berry you have my sincere sympathies.*

*Debbie Wimer*

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**Debbie Wimer** - October 19, 2015 at 03:41 PM

PM

“ *When I s getting up to Butler, I was always trying to see Tom. He was a good friend and we were good neighbors years ago. My sincere sympathies to his family.*

*Phil Miller ( son of Sa,m Miller-- Millers Meat Market)  
Monroeville, Pa.*

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**Phil Miller** - October 11, 2015 at 06:46 PM

JK

“ *We are so, so sorry to hear of your Father's passing. It was a pleasure to share "our street" with him and to wave and see his smile. Losing someone you love is very difficult, but now is the time to remember all your happy and meaningful times together.*

*Thoughts and prayers, Jim and Rita Kirk*

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**James Kirk** - October 10, 2015 at 07:52 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Pops" Cummings.

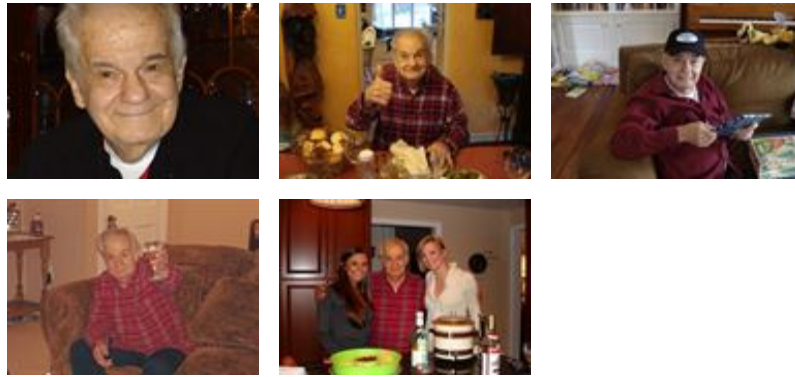


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October 08, 2015 at 01:55 PM



“ *99 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Young Funeral Home** - October 08, 2015 at 01:49 PM




“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Pops" Cummings.



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October 08, 2015 at 11:34 AM

 Gina  
Klopfer

“ I remember a time when Bonnie was much younger and we were in the shop waiting for a friend to join us for coffee. Mr. Cummings was behind the candy counter so I introduced Bonnie to him, no doubt told him of Bonnie's great love for chocolate, and enjoyed the very pleasant conversation one always had with Tom. The friend arrived, we took up a booth, and went to the counter to purchase our beverages. Seated in the booth I suddenly realized that Bonnie was munching on chocolate candy that had mysteriously come into her possession while I was at the coffee counter. We'll never forget his beautiful smile, nor the love of life and mankind that he radiated. Godspeed, Tom Cummings! You are no doubt lighting up heaven like you did Main Street.

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**Gina Klopfer** - October 08, 2015 at 08:13 AM

MB

“ This is for Helen Cummings, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother. I often wondered if you were still in Butler. Don't know if you remember me ( Millie Gallagher), class of 1954. I married Bob Bell in 1954 shortly after graduation and he was in the Navy at the time so we lived in Chicago for almost 2 yrs. Did get back to Butler for a few years but have been in Canton, Ohio since 1963. Bob's been gone going on 5yrs. Our son who is 59 yrs. old and has had MS for almost 20 years. He has been back home with us since 1998, his wife couldn't handle his sickness so that's why he came home. I haven't been able to attend our class reunion for the last two years. I still drive around town but that 2 hour trip back to Pa. is too much. We just lost Cindy West last month. Hope life has been good to you. Millie

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**Mildred Gallagher Bell** - October 07, 2015 at 07:19 PM

HG

“ *A warm Welcome, a Smile, a store room of Sweets  
Just a remembrance that this loss is shared by those that remember  
"Butler's Candy Man."*  
*Sara and Herb Grossman*

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**Herb Grossman** - October 07, 2015 at 04:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Thomas "Pops" Cummings.*



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October 07, 2015 at 04:20 PM

TB

“ *Bill, Bob and Barry,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with  
you.*  
*Terri and Rick Bonnett*

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**Terri Bonnett** - October 07, 2015 at 10:37 AM

FB

“ *Nice memories of Mr. Cummings behind the counter, with that  
sweet smile. I will be thinking of you all.*

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**Faith Shields Barber** - October 06, 2015 at 04:43 PM

NV

“ Oh, how I remember the lovely Tom Cummings...always kind to my Mom, Helen, when she worked next door at Crawford's Jewelry. Oh, how I remember sampling and buying fabulous chocolate. Send good thoughts to Tom's family. With every best wish, and fond memories. Nila Vehar

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**Nila Vehar** - October 06, 2015 at 01:03 PM

MG

“ Growing up in the city, Main Street was just an extension of my backyard. "Cummings" played a huge part of my childhood and Mr. Cummings was always there. I have known Mr. Cummings all of my life. He is a golden thread in my tapestry. You are all in my thoughts, my prayers and my heart. Mindy (Foringer)

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**Mindy Gall** - October 06, 2015 at 09:58 AM

JL

“ Deepest sympathies to the entire Cumming's family, but especially to Tom's son Bill, who over the last couple of years has been devoted to caring for his father in his own home. Bill is the most loving, caring, generous, selfless person I'm proud to be friends with and I know how much he truly loved his dad. May all be at peace knowing Tom is at peace.

*Joe Lytle*

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**Joe Lytle** - October 06, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ I'm old enough to remember stopping in for candy on a quiet afternoon with Tom sitting beside his old AM radio listening to a scratchy WISR broadcast. It was interesting and fun to watch his world expand when Barry came onboard...including the addition of delightful and beautiful co-workers. Share a smile, it's easy and free!

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**Don Best** - October 06, 2015 at 09:13 AM

BC

“ Barry...Your dad was a true legend!!! I have fond memories of my dad taking me to the shop and ordering a fountain style cherry/coke, black cow, Lime Rickey and other great treats!!! Your dad made you feel special every time you walked through the doors of the shop as you do today. Your father took pride in Butler, Main Street and attention to detail when it came to those chocolate little gems and his sons. Mr. Cummings who was a pillar of the community will be truly missed!!! Godspeed Mr. Cummings as you soar with the angels above!!!

*“I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.’”*

? John F. Kennedy

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**Brian Crouch** - October 06, 2015 at 08:38 AM

CP

“ *When my parents and I first moved out here to Butler back in the early 90s I remember going to Cummings Coffee Shop and seeing Mr Cummings behind the counter. Back then he was the best guy to go to for a great vanilla milkshake. Now heaven is gonna have the best coffee shop ever!!*



**Cassie Pauley** - October 06, 2015 at 05:58 AM

SA

“ *Sydney (Branch) and John Geikler, Tucson AZ purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas "Pops" Cummings.*



**Sydney (Branch) and John Geikler, Tucson AZ** - October 05, 2015 at 08:20 PM

SG

“ *Heaven is wonderfully sweeter today.*

*Love from Sydney, who used to always order a strawberry soda, always served with a big smile.*



**Sydney Geikler** - October 05, 2015 at 07:24 PM

RS

“ *You will be missed by so many! Rest in peace Tom!!!! Subby and Melissa*

**Richard & Melissa Sub** - October 05, 2015 at 07:16 PM

PM

“ *Phyllis Minich lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Pops" Cummings*



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**Phyllis Minich** - October 05, 2015 at 06:26 PM

PM

*He was loved and will be missed by many, God Bless his family. He was an awesome sweet man. Heaven is "sweeter" now.*

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**Phyllis Minich** - October 05, 2015 at 06:29 PM

MN

“ *May we express our deepest sympathy to the families of Tom. We had many wonderful times at the Candy shop over the many years. He will be missed by all of us, who had the fortune to know him. May he RIP.*



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**Michael & Dee Dee Newcaster** - October 05, 2015 at 02:23 PM