



## Joseph E. Ritsko

June 3, 1927 - May 2, 2012

Joseph E. Ritsko, 84, of 107 Foster Road, Towanda, Pa. passed away Wednesday morning, May 2, 2012 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa. Joseph was born in Freeland, Pa. on June 3, 1927 the son of the late Michael and Mary Ritsko. He was a graduate of Freeland High School class of 1945 and subsequently served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a graduate of Penn State University, State College, Pa. and in early years was employed by the Merck Pharmaceutical Company in Danville, Pa. On May 16, 1959 he married Agnes Gimmer in Freeland, Pa. In 1964, the couple moved to Towanda, Pa. when Joseph became employed by Sylvania Electric. Joseph retired from GTE Sylvania in 1991. He was a member of SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, the Towanda Country Club and was a life member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge. Joseph loved the outdoors and playing golf with family and friends. He enjoyed sports especially golf and football.

Surviving are:

His Wife of nearly 53 years, Agnes "Aggie" Ritsko

Children:

Joseph G. Ritsko of Towanda

Karen M. Mooney of South Waverly, Pa.

Dana Ann Ritsko of Towanda

Grandaughters, Marisa, Amanda and Stacey Mooney

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by Brothers, George, John and Michael and Sisters, Pauline, Helen and Mary.

The family will receive friends Saturday morning, May 5, 2012 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, Pa. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Third St. Towanda, Pa. with Rev. Edward Michelini, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will follow in SS Peter & Paul Cemetery, N. Towanda, Pa. with Towanda American Legion Post No. 42 according full military honors. Contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society, Bradford Unit, 1948 East Third Street, Williamsport, Pa. 17701-3945 in Joseph E. Ritsko's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed and shared by visiting our website at [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com) .

# Cemetery Details

## S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery

30 James Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
[info@bowenfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@bowenfuneralhomes.com)

## Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

S.S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church  
106 Third Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph E. Ritsko*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Joseph E. Ritsko*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Joseph E. Ritsko*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Joseph E. Ritsko*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Joseph E. Ritsko*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Dear Ritsko Family,*

*Thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time of sadness. How fortunate we are that we are left with wonderful and happy memories!. Bless you all!*



**Carole Snyder** - May 04, 2012 at 09:59 AM

KJ

“ *It was both an honor and a pleasure to care for Joe here at the Cancer Center. His smile was always at the ready and he never left without giving out hugs. Kim Jett-Jordan*

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**Kim Jett-Jordan** - May 03, 2012 at 01:51 PM

JB

“ *Dear Ritsko Family,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. May it bring comfort in knowing that he is in a better place and is no longer suffering.*

*Colby & Jan Benton*



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**Jan Benton** - May 03, 2012 at 05:19 AM

AW

*Dear Dana and Family,*

*We are sorry for your loss. You have our sincere sympathy.*

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**Arlyn & Arlene Wilbur** - May 04, 2012 at 06:38 AM

PS

*Dear Aggie, Karen, Joe and Dana,*

*I am truly sorry for your loss. I know you have wonderful memories that will live on forever. You have lost a very special man. My prayers will be with you.*

*Peggy Sealander*

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**Peggy Sealander** - May 04, 2012 at 11:28 AM