



Orlando A. Prete

May 25, 1924 - August 21, 2025

Orlando A. Prete, age 101, a long-time resident of Dilliner, PA passed away Thursday, August 21, 2025, at Concordia-Bridgeville, PA where he had resided for the past two and a half years. He leaves behind a legacy of love, generosity and countless cherished memories. Born in Masontown, PA. on May 25, 1924, he was a son of the late Nazarene and Anna (Rossi) Prete.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps during WWII where he honorably served in the South Pacific Theatre, and received the Purple Heart medal as well as the Presidential Unit Citation. Orlando was a member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church, where he was an usher for many years. He retired after 47 years at J & L Steel's Shannopin Mine in Bobtown, and co-owned and operated two family businesses, Prete's Texaco Service Station and Prete's Twin Twister Drive-In in Dilliner with his brother, Louis. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 5567 in Bobtown for 66 years, where he was their quartermaster for 25 years. Currently he belonged to the V.F.W. Post 3491 and the American Legion Post 400, both in Carmichaels. He enjoyed gardening, canning and was known for his homemade pasta sauce which he loved to share with family and friends.

His beloved wife, Mary E. (Williams) Prete passed away in September of 1997. Also deceased are sisters, Mary Yancich and Doris Lewandowski, and brother, Louis Prete.

Surviving are three children, Diana Gronholm (Richard) of Monroeville, PA., Mark Prete (Diane) of Carnegie, PA and Kathy Barone (Mark) of Bridgeville, PA. He was an adoring "Pap Pap" to five grandchildren, Kelley, Ryan, Justin, Paige and Tara, and seven great-grandchildren, Morgan, Ella, Aiden, Landon, Ethan, Cale and Lane. He was also loved by two step-grandsons, Ken and Kris, several step-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. His family finds comfort in the memories he leaves behind and the example of love and strength he set for them all. A friendly and humble gentleman, he touched the lives of so many with his warm personality and smile.

Friends are invited to join the family for a Memorial Mass at the St. Ignatius Worship Site of St. Matthias Parish in Bobtown on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025 at 10:30 AM. Military honors will be accorded following the Mass by the Greene County Honor Guard. Interment in Evergreen Memorial Park will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Greene County Honor Guard, c/o Waynesburg V.F.W., 344 E. Lincoln St., Waynesburg, PA 15370. Arrangements are in the care of the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, Pa.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park

7500 Morgantown Road
Point Marion, PA 15474

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

SEP 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Ignatius R.C. Church
Bobtown Hill Road
Bobtown, PA 15315

Tribute Wall

KT

“ Kelley, Ryan, Justin, Paige, and Tara purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Orlando A. Prete.



Kelley, Ryan, Justin, Paige, and Tara - September 05, 2025 at 08:50 AM

LV

“ If you knew Lundo, you knew the casino was an enjoyable pass time for him. He loved to play the game but enjoyed watching others play and win. He really enjoyed the camaraderie and laughter. However, many of Lundos Fridays was spent picking up some groceries. Now he could only do that at Kroger in Morgantown because it was close to Long John Silvers. You might think he went there for the fish but he really went for the chocolate chip cookies. How often he would tell us not to leave without the cookies because it was the best nighttime snack. He certainly left his mark not only as a wonderful friend but a good boss to have when you worked for him at the service station. Hats off to a life well lived and may Diane, Mark and Kathy enjoy the many beautiful memories he left behind.

Larry & Judy Vincie - September 04, 2025 at 03:38 PM

BO

“ Bob, Caron, Josh & Mary Alice O'Korn purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Orlando A. Prete.



Bob, Caron, Josh & Mary Alice O'Korn - September 04, 2025 at 01:34 PM

AW

“ Deepest sympathy on the loss of Mr Prete. He was such a nice man.

Alice Wise - August 30, 2025 at 11:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Orlando A. Prete.

August 29, 2025 at 08:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Orlando A. Prete.



August 29, 2025 at 08:34 PM

PN

“ Paul & Carol Nowak purchased the Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet for the family of Orlando A. Prete.



Paul & Carol Nowak - August 29, 2025 at 02:06 PM

JM

“ I previously worked in dining, in building 3 at Concordia, assisting the residents. Orlando was always one of my favorites. He always had a big smile on his face and was a sweetheart. He always cherished his red jello and pears at the end of the night and it warmed my heart. I will never forget his big smile!! He will always hold a special place in my heart and will be missed, dearly. I am so sorry for your loss and I will pray for you and your family. □



-Jaydin Mayfield

Jaydin Mayfield - August 28, 2025 at 09:33 PM

JM

“ Prayers for his family. I was honored to help organize his 100th Birthday party at The Greensboro VFW post 6303. It was such a privilege to set down and talk to him he was always a very polite person. I know i will miss him . So with that said I salute you one last time you were a great person thank you for everything you taught me.

John Michniak - August 28, 2025 at 08:40 AM

KJ

“ I remember Mr Prete when he gave us gas and from his kids, of course his and prayers to Kathy and Mark and Diana.. we loved the Dairy Queen and dinner of my finest memories was going there with my mom and Dad and sisters .

Kim Bellis and sisters Debbie and Janet - August 26, 2025 at 06:20 PM

KC

“ Many warm memories of Orlando and many of his family. They were all loving people and important to and in our community. The love and goodness that they contributed will never be forgotten. My deepest sympathy to their family.

✝️ Kitty

Kitty Morley Casini - August 26, 2025 at 02:57 PM

MR

“ Maria Revetta lit a candle in memory of Orlando A. Prete



Maria Revetta - August 26, 2025 at 02:21 PM

MC

“ Moneen Christovich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orlando A. Prete.

Moneen Christovich - August 26, 2025 at 01:23 PM

MC

“ Moneen Christovich purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Orlando A. Prete.



Moneen Christovich - August 26, 2025 at 01:23 PM

MK

“ *Marge Kurilko lit a candle in memory of Orlando A. Prete*



Marge Kurilko - August 26, 2025 at 10:34 AM

TB

“ *Terry & JoAnn Barzanti lit a candle in memory of Orlando A. Prete*



Terry & JoAnn Barzanti - August 25, 2025 at 02:51 PM