



## Wallace William DeGroot

February 1, 2025

Wallace William DeGroot, 94, of North Syracuse passed away peacefully on February 1. He was born in Norway, Michigan, to the late William and Evelyn Giacherio DeGroot.

He earned his pilot's license at the age of 16. A Korean War Veteran, he served in the U.S. Air Force 1948-1957, earning the rank of Technical Sergeant.

Wally was a self-employed Syracuse business owner from 1958-1977 and a commercial pilot, retiring from Burns Bros in 2000. He was a Communicant of St. Rose of Lima Church for 65 years and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 70 years, Nettie Elizabeth; sons, William (Sheryl), James (Jacqueline), Edward (Melody), David (Kathleen), Richard (Wendy), Joseph (Marybeth); daughters, Lisa Miller, Karen (Patrick) Carter, Janice (Richard) Strock, Mary (Christian) LaPak, Kristen (Stephen) Borkowski; 38 treasured grandchildren; 37 cherished great-grandchildren; brother, Dennis (Suzanne); sisters, Kathleen Anderson and Roslyn Thorsen; and special nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the Palliative Care team and all the nurses on 7B at the VA hospital for providing such excellent care.

Private services were held on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Syracuse VA, memo: Palliative Care; c/o Volunteer Services, 800 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210.



# Cemetery Details

## **North Syracuse Cemetery**

555 South Bay Road  
North Syracuse , NY 13212

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Betty and family,  
I am sorry to hear of Dee's passing. I remember when Dee had the UHaul business many years ago. I saw Ed at his business on Rt 31 and asked about you both. You and Dee were friends with my family (Wells). Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.*

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**Susan Cleland (formerly Wells)** - February 06, 2025 at 07:09 PM