



## William J. Gouba

June 16, 1933 - January 29, 2025

Bill Gouba, 91, of East Petersburg, passed away on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at his residence with his family by his side. Born in Shenandoah, PA, he was the son of the late Alex and Anell Gouba. Bill was the husband of Dolores (Goodrich) Gouba with whom he celebrated almost 70 years of marriage. Bill proudly served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He graduated from Penn State University with a degree in manufacturing engineering. He worked for the PA Fish Commission, Federal Mogul Corp and ended his working career as a well known and accomplished taxidermist. An avid outdoorsman, Bill loved to hunt and fish. (He loved the other side of the hill.) He never missed a sporting event of his children's or grandchildren's, a Penn State football game, or an opportunity to be on the water or in the woods.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Dolores, are three children, Cindy Newsome, wife of Mark of Landisville, Bill Gouba Jr., husband of Sandy of Mount Joy, and Karen Buckwalter of Quarryville; five grandchildren, Alex, Jordyn, Billy, Abbie and Sam; and three great grandchildren, Riley, Liam and Declan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 2427 Marietta Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601 on Friday, February 7, 2025 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the church before the service from 10 AM to 11 AM. Interment will be private at Our Lady of Dawn Catholic Cemetery, Shenandoah, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to <https://projecthealingwaters.org/> or <https://www.rmhc-centralpa.org/>



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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2427 Marietta Ave.  
Lancaster , PA 17601

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Mrs. Gouba, Bill, Sandy, and family.

*I am so sorry to hear about your father's passing. The fly fishing world has lost a dedicated and faithful conservationist.*

*I met Bill a few times and enjoyed talking about his fly-fishing experiences. He was an ardent, loyal patron of the sport. As a fly fisherman, listening to his tales about his weekly journeys to Spring Creek was impressive and led me to believe that, with some luck, I may be able to do something like that someday. The PFBC and the fly fishing community will forever be grateful to Bill.*

*Jonathan Sheetz*

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