



SS. Peter And Paul Orthodox Church

419 South Main Street
Homer City, PA. 15748
(412) 479-3656

Very Rev. James S. Dutko, Pastor

May 11, 1989

Mr. William Scheider
Chopyak-Scheider Funeral Home
326 Prospect Street
Binghamton, NY 13905

Christ is Risen!

Dear Bill,

On behalf of my wife Kathy, our son Rickie, my mother-in-law, Mary Kowarek, and all the members of our family, I want to thank you for everything you did for us in our time of great sorrow. You treated us with great Christian compassion, understanding and love and in so doing, made the pain of our loss more bearable.

Thank you so much for taking the time to stop and talk with my mother-in-law at her home in Syracuse, as well as for spending the time with all of us in our meeting at the funeral home the day prior to the viewing. I appreciate the clarity with which you explained the preparations for the viewing and the funeral and the assistance you provided in insuring that the grave was properly prepared.

The table with the 'living memorial' to Kathy's Dad was a wonderful idea. As you told us, it helped all of us who came to focus not only on his death, but even more importantly, on the richness of his life.

Kathy and I are particularly appreciative of the outreach you extended to Rickie in helping him deal with the loss of his Grandfather. As long as I live, I will remember my 10-year-old son sitting in the kitchen the morning of the funeral composing his beautiful letter of love which he placed beneath the pillow prior to the morning services.

May Our Lord bless you for the professionalism with which you tended to the body of my father-in-law, and for the love you shared with the members of our family.

Sincerely in Christ,


Very Rev. James S. Dutko