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### Joseph F. Klespis

( September 01, 1924 - January 17, 2020 )

Joseph F. Klespis, 95, of Lebanon, passed away on Friday, January 17, 2020 at Spang Crest Manor. He was the husband of the late D. Patricia (Dooley) Klespis.



Born in Lebanon on September 1, 1924, Joe was the son of the late Joseph and Catherine (Karli) Klespis.

Joe is survived by three sisters - Johanna Krizan, Agnes McDonnell, and Barb Aiduk; a Godson, Nikolas Aiduk; and many nieces and nephews who remember him as a doting uncle. He was preceded in death by a brother, Anthony Klespis, seven sisters - Rosina (Sr. Mary Wilburta), Catherine Bender, Mary Martin, Frances Flaherty, Theresa Berger, Gertrude Fink, and Patricia Baim.

Joe was proud to have served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946 and upon discharge he entered the seminary. Ordained in 1955 he served as a priest for almost 25 years, and had the honor to marry and baptize many family members. During this time his many nieces and nephews fondly recall his visits home which typically included a trip to Spanglers for ice cream, sometimes a motorcycle ride and a privileged few got plane ride as he held a pilot's license. Upon leaving the priesthood he married "my darling" as he called Patricia, the love of his life. Together they enjoyed travelling, especially back to Ireland (Pat's birthplace) and England to visit her family. Joe and Pat's faith was strong during their 39 year marriage, and he now shares her heaven lined with Galway Marble. He did not need the path of shamrocks that led Pat there, he followed her call. "God Bless!"

A viewing will be held on Friday, January 24th from 9-10am with a Mass of Christian Burial being celebrated at 10am at St. Cecilia's Church, 120 E. Lehman St., Lebanon. Interment with full military honors will follow at 11:30am at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Thompson Funeral Home, Inc. has been entrusted with arrangements. Please share your memories with the family at our online guest book at [thompsonfuneralhomelebanon.com](http://thompsonfuneralhomelebanon.com)