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TOMASUNAS THOMAS, OFM Cap Br. Thomas Tomasunas, OFM Cap., 74, died Friday, June 15, 2001, at St. Francis Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA, after a short illness. Born "Edward Tomasunas" on June 25, 1926, in Grand Rapids, MI, he was the son of the late John and Helen (Zemaitis) Tomasunas. A veteran of the US Army, which he served faithfully and commendably from October, 1944 through February, 1947, he took the name of "Thomas" on professing vows in the Capuchin Franciscan Order on February 28, 1955. His assignments ranged from Cumberland, MD to service at St. Mary, Herman, PA, and St. Conrad Friary, Annapolis, MD. For the past 21 years (1980-2001), he worked among the friars at St. Augustine Friary, Pittsburgh, PA. He is survived by over 10,000 Capuchin Franciscan brothers throughout the world and by his brothers, John (Grand Rapids, MI) and William (Newaygo, MI and his sister, Mary Kumko (Grand Rapids, MI). He was preceded in death by his brothers, Albert and Charles. Viewing will take place on Saturday, June 16, 2001, at St. Augustine Friary, 221 - 36th. Street, Pittsburgh, PA, from 7-9pm and on Sunday, June 17, 2001, from 2-4pm and 7-9pm. A Wake Service will be celebrated in the friary at 8:00pm. The body will be transferred to St. Augustine Church (220 - 37th Street) on Monday, June 18, 2001, where the Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am. The Very Rev. Paul Kuppe, OFM Cap., Provincial Minister of the Capuchin Province of St. Augustine, will preside. burial will follow in the friars' plot at St. Augustine cemetery, Millvale, PA. To honor the life and work of Br. Thomas, donations may be made to the Capuchin Franciscan Friars, Province of St. Augustine, 220 -- 37th. Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15201 [(800) 224-0330/http://www.capuchin.com} Arrangements entrusted to DANIEL T. D'ALESSANDRO FU-NERAL HOME LTD, Lawrenceville.