

R. William Padgett

R. William "Bill" Padgett, age 75, of Gnadenhutten died Monday evening in Twin City Hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born at Cambridge on March 22, 1919, a son of the late Ralph C. and Merle Haas Padgett.

He was a graduate of Cambridge High School Class of 1938 and Muskingum College Class of 1942. A resident of the area for the past 48 years, he was a member of the Gnadenhutten United Methodist Church and was church organist until his health failed.

He was a retired teacher, having taught mathematics at Dover High School for 13 years and taught mathematics and served as part-time music teacher, band director and principal at Gnadenhutten High School and Indian Valley South High School where he served for 27 years. Following retirement, he gave private piano lessons.

He was a member of Port Washington Lodge 202, Arbutus Chapter of Eastern Star 288 of Gnadenhutten and Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus.

He was the last of his family and was preceded in death by his wife, Betty T. Morgan Padgett, on March 4, 1989.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Gnadenhutten Cemetery with Rev. Amy E. Shaw officiating. There will be no calling hours. Arrangements are being handled by Gowins Funeral Home at Gnadenhutten.