

JOSEPH JENNINGS STEPHENSON

Joseph Jennings Stephenson was born July 9, 1942, the only child of Clarence Jennings and Marguerite Hodel Stephenson. He passed away on June 14th, 2023. Many of his stories may, or may not have been apocryphal. He liked to say he was in the last graduating class from Dorseyville Elementary. He graduated from the last class of Aspinwall High School in 1960. And in May 1967 he received his MFA in Architecture from the last graduating class from Carnegie Technical Institute. He liked to imply that he was the cog that broke every machine he was a part of and perhaps he will be the last person to ever pass beyond the veil of existence, we shall see. After commencing a career in Architecture, he received his call to serve via the draft and opted to serve 2 years in the Army (E-5) during the Vietnam conflict. He served in the DIA at the Pentagon and returned to his career as an Architect in 1969. He married the love of his life Arlene C Peck and became a father to Paul Stephenson and stepfather to Beth Joyce and the late Richard Peck. He later went on to sell Real Estate still being devoted to Architecture throughout the 80s and 90s until he retired to become a very proud grandfather. He was involved in Kiwanis, the Indiana Township Historical Society, and the Henderson Cemetery board. He is survived by his spouse Arlene Stephenson, canine girlfriend Jess, children Beth Joyce (Timothy), and Paul Stephenson (Patricia), grandchildren Jesse Joyce, Raquel Peck, Jacob Joyce, Grace Joyce, and Edward J Stephenson. The family will hold a private ceremony at a later date. There will not be a viewing. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a tree be planted in his memory (he liked Mulberry and Catalpa trees). Professional services entrusted to **THOMAS M. SMITH FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY LTD.;** www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com

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