

# MICHAEL J. REILLY, JR.



Michael J. Reilly, Jr., age 81, of Crafton, died on June 14, 2023. Dear husband of Carol (Petrella) Reilly for 49 and a half years. Beloved father to Jennifer (Sean) Reilly-McCardell, Heather (Jon) Barr, and Michael (Kelly) Reilly, III. Loving Grandfather of Michael, James and Nicholas Reilly.

A Pittsburgh native and the son of Irish immigrants, Mike grew up in Perrysville and Greenfield, attending St.

Rosalia's Grade School and St. Mary of the Mount High School.

After earning a bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University in 1964, his early career focused on public relations and advertising for a number of companies in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, OH, and Grand Rapids, MI. In 1979, he began a career in sports journalism and broadcasting as a writer for Pittsburgh Steelers Weekly and as a sports anchor and reporter at NBC Affiliate WTOV-TV in Steubenville, OH.

When WQED launched their sister station WQEX in 1986, he became a Producer and Host for a number of the station's local programs including The News at 10 which featured Post-Gazette reporters and the stories they covered. He also produced and hosted several talk shows covering the topics of sports, travel, pets, and law.

He continued a freelance career in media and broadcasting as Sports Director for WPLW-Radio and as a reporter for United Press International, the Associated Press, and ESPN. He spent the final years of his career as a member of the Pittsburgh Pirates scoreboard crew, retiring in 2020. Among the thousands of sporting events he covered were Penguins Stanley Cup playoff runs, Steelers postseasons, Pirates playoff games, U.S. Open Championships, and the 1994 and 2006 MLB All-Star Games.

He touched the lives of many and is someone who will be remembered as gregarious, intelligent, outgoing, funny, and kind.

Family and friends will be received on Sunday, June 18, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the **ANTHONY M. MUSMANNO FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 941 McCoy Road., Kennedy Township, PA 15136. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 10:00am at St. Philip Roman Catholic Church, 50 W Crafton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Interment will follow at Christ Our Redeemer Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers and for his passion for Catholic education, contributions in memory may be made to Our Lady of Sacred Heart School, 1504 Woodcrest Avenue, Coraopolis, PA 15108.

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