

CARMELLO E. MOSCHELLA

1927-2023



Of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away on July 9, 2023, surrounded by his loved ones.

Mel is survived by his daughters, Donna Artz, Rosemarie Moschella and Joanne (Dwight) Pearson; his grandchildren, James Artz (Jennifer), BrieAnn Artz, Peter Pearson and Patrick Pearson; and his great-grandchildren, Natalie Artz and Colin Artz; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his late wife,

Clara Rogowski Moschella; brother, James Moschella; sisters, Rose Moschella LaGalia and Mary Moschella Cassetta; and sons-in-law, Frederick Artz and Richard Mologne.

Mel was born to Guiseppe and Giovanna Moschella in DeFuniak Springs, Florida in 1927, and was his mom's favorite. He grew up in Blawnox, PA, attending Aspinwall High School and Robert Morris College. Despite aspiring to be a professional baseball player (first baseman), he joined the Navy out of high school to fight in World War II in April 1945. He often teased us with a story that when the Germans heard he joined the war effort in April, they gave up in May. Mel was a draftsman who worked at Basic Engineers and National Valve Company for nearly 40 years. He was an exacting manager with a marshmallow center who mentored several younger colleagues.

Mel loved Pittsburgh sports, building decks, astronomy, and playing with the grandkids. He was an amateur genealogist - especially for families of his parents' birthplace in Santa Theresa, Sicily. He was the keeper of the Secret Buddy Handshake. He was an expert printer, a poet, a spit baller, a perpetual dieter, and a practical joker-taking candy out of trick-or-treaters' bags but thanking them for the treats. It was obvious in the last days of his life that he was ready to enjoy the company of those who had already passed.

Services will be held at Bakerstown United Methodist Church on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

Donations in Mel's memory may be made to the Italian Room, Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Program, University of Pittsburgh, 1209 Cathedral of Learning, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

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