

## MELVIN ALBERT SMITH



Melvin Albert Smith, 86, passed away peacefully in his sleep on June 23, 2023, at Concordia Saint Joseph's in Baden, PA.

Mel was born January 7, 1937 to Viola and Andrew Smith of Pittsburgh PA. He was the youngest of four children and was preceded in death by his siblings, Myrtle, Norma, and Van. Mel loved playing sports and working in his parent's ice cream shop in Robinson, PA. In addition, Mel

and his father helped his brother, Van, build Stoughton Acres golf course in Butler, PA, which filled his time in the summer breaks from school and even through most of his retirement years.

Mel graduated from Robinson High School in the class of 1955 and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in secondary education and history at Slippery Rock College. He spent 35 years of his career as a teacher at Quaker Valley High School teaching junior and senior level history. One of Mel's proudest professional moments was when he coached the Quaker Valley girls' basketball team and led them to their first sectional championship in school history, and then onto the WPIAL finals. He also coached the first female golfer at Quaker Valley to ever go on and win a state championship in 1977. In 2016, Mel and his girls' basketball team were inducted into the Quaker Valley Hall of Fame, which was a very proud moment for him.

Mel loved his animals, enjoyed a comfy rocking chair, enjoyed black raspberry custard and always taking the scenic route on a drive. He loved spending time on his front porch swing where he always fed the birds. He took a lot of pride in his yard, which was always the best in the neighborhood. He also really enjoyed listening to 80s music, which he did up to his last day, and knew all the words to each song even with severe memory issues.

Mel will be greatly missed by his three daughters, their spouses, and grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth Caverly (Brady) who called him "Pop," referencing Laverne & Shirley TV program they loved, Laura Smith (Lisa) who shared the love of 80s music, Rebecca Densmore (Rob), who took care of him during the last three years of his life and always making sure he had birthdays, holidays and time with his "grandpups." His grandchildren include Galey and Noel Caverly and Erica and Vianna Densmore; and his niece, Linda Trusnovic.

All who knew Mel are invited to attend Memorial Services which will be held Saturday, July 29, 2023, 3-5pm and at 4:45pm there will be a small Commemoration Service at **SHELLHAAS & SONS FUNERAL HOME**, 1600 Stone Mason Dr., Sewickley, PA 15143 (Franklin Park/Wexford).

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