

RUDY P. PUTKOVICH

Rudy was a modern-day Renaissance man. The brilliance of his mind and the skill of his hands led him to many endeavors, in all of which he excelled. At various times in his life, he was a photographer, mechanic, winemaker, moonshine distiller, painter, philatelist, stained glass artisan, jewelry designer and creator, architect and builder, and most of all a gardener extraordinaire, and the famed "Tomato Man" of Savannah Avenue in Regent Square. He was always researching, planning, or beginning his next project. His wit was incomparable, and there was never a broken item that he wasn't able to fix.

Rudy grew up in Joffre, PA. For many years, he worked as an electrical engineer and division manager at Westinghouse's Research & Development center in Churchill. He began his career as an automotive engineer for Chrysler Corporation in Detroit.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 69 years, Doris (Raynovich); daughters Fay Putkovich, Amy Kennedy, Eve Putkovich, and Lynn Armocida (husband, William Radke); grandchildren August Armocida, Camille Armocida, and Christian Armocida (partner, Ciara Short); great-granddaughter Marceline Armocida; brother Ken Putkovich (wife, Betty); sister-in-law Mary Anne Raynovich (the late George); and nieces and nephews Donna, Diana, Ken, Jr., George, and Andy. Rudy's family is indebted to his wonderful caregivers both at Seneca Hills Village and Seneca Place, especially Rita and Kathy, and to Family Hospice. To honor Rudy, please raise a glass to him and to his well-lived life; laugh much; and spend more time playing and creating. Enjoy life

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