

## **JAMES R. SEGERDAHL, SR.,**



James R. Segerdahl, Sr., a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and Veteran, passed away peacefully on July 25, 2023, in his hometown of Pittsburgh, PA. Born on November 17, 1934, Jim lived a life marked by love, integrity, and dedication to his family, work, church, and community.

Jim was the loving husband of Joanne Segerdahl, his bride of 64 years and constant companion, and the proud father of Lois Dulavitch, Jim

Segerdahl, Nancy Ayers, and Rick Segerdahl, and the proud grandfather of eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Mrs. Jean Ek. Jim was a man of character and faith, who always put the needs of his family before his own. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren as well as his extended family, creating and sharing much laughter and wonderful memories over the years.

A proud Pittsburgh native, Jim graduated from Peabody High School, where he distinguished himself as a talented football player and athlete. After high school, he answered the call of his country serving in the U.S. Army, stationed in Colorado and Oklahoma. Upon returning to Pittsburgh, Jim started a successful career in graphic arts, design, printing, and advertising. He began at the Pittsburgh-based advertising company, Ketchum, MacLeod & Grove. Later, he continued his professional career at U.S. Steel, contributing his creativity and eye for business advertising, printing, and publications.

Jim excelled in and loved sports, coaching his sons in baseball and football. He was a lifelong fan of the Steelers, Pirates, and Penguins and a constant presence in the bleachers or auditorium cheering on his children and grandchildren during their dance recitals and many sporting events. Jim greatly enjoyed family time, whether at holiday gatherings, family vacations, or backyard picnics. Happily married for more than 64 years, he and Joanne enjoyed many wonderful trips together, including exploring Alaska, Canada, motoring across the U.S., and countless day and weekend trips.

Jim's faith played a significant role in his life. He served as an Elder of Ruthfred Lutheran Church in Bethel Park, PA, where he was a member for over 50 years. His faith-filled life constantly reflected strength of character, kindness, and generosity. Jim delivered Meals on Wheels for many years providing food, conversations, and encouragement to all he served and sharing warmth and kindness within the community. His passing leaves a void in the hearts of those who knew him, but his legacy of love and faith will be cherished by his family and friends. Jim will be remembered not only for his character but also for the lives he touched and the joy he brought to his family. His life was a testament to the power of faith, the strength of family, and the beauty of a kind heart. He is now blessed to be in heaven for eternity.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM on Friday, July 28th at **PAUL HENNEY FUNERAL HOME** (5570 Library Road, Bethel Park, PA). A Funeral Service honoring Jim's life and memory will take place at Ruthfred Lutheran Church in Bethel Park, on Saturday, July 29th, at 11 AM. Memorial donations may be made to the Ruthfred Lutheran Church.

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