

# COLUMBUS C. ALLEN

"C.A."



Of Bethel Park, born October 20, 1937, passed away peacefully on August 17, 2023.

C.A. was the beloved husband of Lillian M. Allen (Davison); loving father of David (Valerie) and Aimee; dear grandpap of Eden, Noah, Autumn, and Ayla, and cherished brother of Evelyn Brown, Bernard (Donna). C.A. is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews.

C.A. was preceded in death by his parents, Turner and Alma (Jones); and brothers, Claude, Donald, Alton, and Ernest "Poppy" (Lavida); and sister, Alma Woods.

C.A. was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina and moved with his parents, brothers and sisters to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as a young child. He lived in the Hill District with his family before they moved to Homewood when he was a young adult. As a teenager, he attended Schenley High School and graduated in 1955.

C.A. then worked for a time at Federal Enameling in Pittsburgh before taking a job in 1960, working with computers in Central Accounting at Mellon Bank. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1961 and, following his service, returned to work at Mellon Bank. While employed, he attended college courses at the University of Pittsburgh at night, sharpening his professional skills. After working at Mellon Bank for 18 years, he took a position in 1978 with the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) as a computer systems analyst. C.A. continued working at Alcoa for 25 years until his retirement in 2003.

C.A. loved traveling, driving, technology, and playing chess. He was an avid reader, and lifelong learner, always reading about science, particularly computer science, space exploration, astronomy, and science fiction. He was a fan of both the Star Wars and Star Trek franchises. He was also a sports enthusiast with a special interest in the Steelers, track and soccer, in part because his son played these sports. C.A. was a track official and was head referee for the Bethel Park Soccer Association. Most recently, C.A. enjoyed traveling on jazz cruises for twelve straight years with his wife.

C.A.'s family and friends will always remember him as a loving, friendly, kind, sociable man. He loved to make jokes and always made people smile. He loved his family and was so proud of their accomplishments. C.A. will be dearly missed by his family, friends and all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements by **BEINHAUER**, 2828 Washington Road, McMurray PA 15317, 724-941-3211. Family and friends are welcome Thursday, August 31, 2023 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home Friday, September 1, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. Interment will be held at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies at a later date.

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