

# DENNIS BLATIUS WIERDAK



Of Rockville, Maryland passed away peacefully at home on August 15, 2023, surrounded by family, after a long battle with Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD).

Born Friday, July 13, 1951 to Sally (Slonchka) and Joseph Wierdak in Newport, Rhode Island, where his father was stationed. He grew up in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. Dennis was a proud graduate of Neville High School and a

member of its football team. He received his undergraduate degree in urban planning from the University of Pittsburgh and a Masters of Public Administration (MPA) from Penn State University. He often stated his best job ever was on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie (P&LE) Railroad while in college.

Dennis moved to the Washington, DC area to begin a career in public service with the Rail Services Planning Office of the Interstate Commerce Commission and later the Consumer Product Safety Commission. He also coached his childrens' soccer, tee-ball, hockey and baseball teams, and pursued his legendary love of pinball, gardening, music, basketball, and all things statistics.

He is survived by Betty, his beloved wife of 42 years; his children, Alan Blatius, Elizabeth Sally (Michael) Dlugos, Denis W. and Christine Ann; five grandchildren, Brian, Christopher, Katie, Braeden, and Kyle; also survived by his brother Alan J. of Pittsburgh, PA; nieces, Lisa and Ali, many cousins and dear friends.

Arrangements are pending, please email [dbw.pgh713@gmail.com](mailto:dbw.pgh713@gmail.com) for more information. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to Montgomery Hospice (<https://montgomeryhospice.org/>) in gratitude for the care and comfort provided to Dennis and family in the past year.

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