

# CHARLES J. CONNORS SR.

"CHUCK"



Age 87, of Delmont, formerly of Penn Hills, Murrysville, and Acme, passed on to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, September 14, 2023 in UPMC East, Monroeville, surrounded by his loving family.

Born August 6, 1936 in Wilkesburg, he was a son of the late John Patrick Connors and Margaret "Peg" (Weiss) Connors. Chuck was a 1954 graduate of Penn Hills High School, and in 1963, received his Bachelor of Science in Engineering Mechanics from Penn State University, where he was a member of the Sigma Tau Engineering Honor Society.

Chuck worked for Owens-Illinois and J.W. Fecker for 14 years on the Kuiper airborne telescope program and other technical glass projects. He spent the next 36 years of his career as a principal engineer at the Westinghouse Electro-Mechanical Division, leading significant projects in commercial nuclear and US Navy nuclear applications. After retiring, he was brought back as a consultant, working on the SOFIA project, an updated airborne telescope program working in both California and Germany.

Chuck was a member of Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Murrysville. Chuck was an avid sports fan and supported his children and grandchildren in their various athletic endeavors. He enjoyed golfing and traveling, and most loved being with his family. Chuck was an inspiration, with his hard-working nature, loyalty to family, and kindness to others, as qualities that will be remembered with fondness.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Janet Mae (Connors) Connors, who passed away on December 31, 2008; second wife, Donna Rae (Thackeray) Connors, who passed away on December 23, 2016; brothers, John, Bill, Robert Connors; and his sisters, Mary Ellen Farrell and Betty Connelly.

Chuck is survived by his sons, Charles J. (Natalie) Connors, Jr. of Irwin, Michael S. Connors of Red Lion, PA and Myrtle Beach, SC; daughters, Colleen M. (Bill) Gribbin, Christine L. (Chuck) Tragesser, Cathleen C. (David) White, all of Murrysville; grandchildren, Jacqueline and Joseph Gribbin, Chuckie, Caroline, and Carly Tragesser, John and Katie White, Charles J. Connors III; step-son, Norman (Marianna) Connors of Natrona Heights; special friend, Donna Roscia of Altoona; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and a number of friends who will greatly miss him.

Friends will be received on Monday, September 18, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the **HART FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 3103 Lillian Ave., Murrysville. Parting prayers of transfer will be held in the funeral home on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in Mother Of Sorrows Catholic Church, Murrysville. Interment will follow in Good Shepherd Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mother of Sorrows Outreach, 4202 Old William Penn Highway, Murrysville, PA 15668. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit

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