

## JOSEPH EDWARD PACE



Age 87, of Ross Township, passed away on September 26, 2023. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 55 years, Bernice Anna (Nuzzo) Pace and his two daughters, Lori Ann Pace and Tina Pace Norman. His greatest title was that of Pappy Joe to his one and only granddaughter, Jena Elizabeth Norman, who brought so much joy to his life. He is also survived by his two sisters, Eleanor Woods and Delores

(Art) Grote, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Patrick and Mae Elizabeth Pace, his sister Anna Mitchell Kelly, and an infant daughter, Mary. After serving in the United States Marine Corps, Joe worked as a truck driver for the Pittsburgh Press for 33 years where he was a proud member of Teamsters 211. He was an avid volunteer at St. Teresa of Avila Church and found great joy in spending time with his family - especially at the beach, watching any Pittsburgh sports team and taking care of his home and yard for over 40 years. In 1992, Joe received one of the greatest gifts. He was the 54th heart transplant performed at Allegheny General Hospital. We truly cannot thank every single person who helped him along his transplant journey - from nurses, to doctors to clinical coordinators. We were blessed to have had you all. Dr. George J. McGovern, Jr., we are eternally indebted to you as you have allowed us the past 31 years to enjoy time with Dad. He was here for every milestone and it is truly because of your angelic work. To our donor family, who we were never able to thank personally, there are no words to express how grateful we are for your selfless gift. As we know March 28, 1992, must hold much sadness and grief, you gave Dad life and for that we are forever grateful. Friends will be received at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME**, 806 Perry Hwy., Pittsburgh, PA 15229 on Sunday October 1 2023, from 2-6 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Monday at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, St. Teresa of Avila Church, 800 Avila Ct., Pittsburgh, PA 15237. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to AHN Cardiovascular Institute at Allegheny General Hospital, 320 East North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

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