

# JOSEPH FRANCIS (KUKUCHKA) MESINA

August 8, 1936 - September 24, 2023



Joe Mesina was born August 8, 1936, in Pittsburgh, PA, son of Joseph and Anna nee Zyman, (daughter of Michael and Maria nee Kukuchka Zyman) and died on September 24, 2023.

After his parents' separation in 1942 from age 6 to 16 was raised in Holy Family Orphanage in Emsworth, Pittsburgh, PA during WWII. He attended Central Catholic High School 1950-1953 and graduated

high school at Baldwin High in 1954.

He started working in the printing business at D.H. Lucas Printing Co. in 1958, in Pittsburgh, PA and eventually went into his own printing business in 1973, Suburban Printing Co. in Bellevue, Pittsburgh, PA retiring, after 27 years, in 2000 and moving to Florida in 2002.

He met Marianne Legler on the job in Pittsburgh in 1959 and they fell in love and were married October 21, 1961. They had two sons, Douglas, and David.

Joe and Marianne were divorced in 1983 and reunited in 2000. Marianne passed away on October 3, 2019. Joe is survived by his son Douglas and his wife Lynda Bridwell-Mesina, his son David, David's daughter Kelly Mesina, nephews Rick Mesina, Jimmy Mesina, Randy Mesina, Gary Mesina, and Lynda's daughter Rebecca Smith and her husband Thomas, who he loved as his grandchildren. Joe also is survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by many friends and loved ones. His Uncle Eddie passed away several years ago, but Joe remained a close and dear friend of Uncle Eddie's wife, Joan Carlton and her daughter Diane.

Dad and PapPap as he was so lovingly called, will be missed. He was kind, loving, giving and always so much fun to be around. He loved the old classic movies and music from the big band era. We celebrated every holiday and birthday with dinners, laughter, football games, golf games, bowling and Bucci ball. He also loved going to the lake to feed the geese and ducks.

His immigrant heritage is Polish, descendant of the Kukuchka genealogy when his grandmother, Maria, along with her two brothers George and Joseph Kukuchka immigrated to America in the early 1900's. He was the current patriarch of all the Kukuchka families and is survived by many Kukuchka cousins in America and Poland.

Friends received Monday, October 2, 2023, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the **LAWRENCE T. MILLER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 460 Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue, PA 15202, 412-761-2441. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at Regina Coeli Parish, Church of the Assumption, 45 N. Sprague Avenue, Bellevue, PA. Interment will follow at Allegheny County Memorial Park, 1600 Duncan Avenue, Allison Park, PA 15101.

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