

GERALD BENNETT BRANDT



Gerald Bennett Brandt, 85, of New Wilmington, passed away on September 30, 2023. Gerald was born in Pittsburgh, PA, to Mary Leone Bennett and Weldon Henry Brandt on April 20, 1938.

Gerry's inquisitive mind was clear from age four when he noted that shadows came from blocking the sun. He went to Shady Side Academy, then studied Physics at Harvard University where he played clarinet in the

marching band. He earned his PhD at Carnegie Tech.

Gerry started his career at 16 as an intern at Westinghouse. He published six patents that showed the practical use of fiber optics. He earned the Westinghouse Signature Award of Excellence.

Gerry and his wife Susan were founding members of the Moraine Sailing Club and spent many Saturdays racing 470. Gerry also sailed Sunfish and Laser and served as club Commodore. In recent years, he enjoyed the Challenges Bowling League.

Gerry and Susan enjoyed going to the symphony, opera and plays. Together with Susan, Gerry passed his love for learning, reading, science, historic preservation, and the arts to their children.

Gerald is preceded in death by his sister Margaret (Tom) Wilkins. Gerald is survived by Susan, his loving wife of 61 years, and their children Karen (Phil) Bolden, Laura (Frank Mazzotti) Brandt, Kristin (Dave) Love, and Dean Brandt, and grandchildren Dan, Sarah, and Rachel Bolden Jonathan, Rebecca, and Patrick Love. No public services. In lieu of flowers, gifts in his honor can be made to The Harvard Band or Planned Parenthood.

Arrangements have been entrusted to **ROSE SIMPLICITY CREMATION & FUNERAL CENTER, INC.**, 200 S. Erie Street, Mercer.

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