

# MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY



Age 82, of Scott Township, formerly of Port Allegany, PA, passed away on October 3, 2023, surrounded by the love and care of his children. Mike was preceded in death by the love of his life Mary Ann Connolly, his wife of 60 years. He was the son of Joe and Alyce Connolly; brothers, Peter, Brian; and sister, Sharon. He is survived by his sister, Judy Connolly (Kathy Reynolds) and Chris (Jani) Connolly. Mike was also the

loving father of Jody (Chuck) Lazzini, Melissa (Steve) Smith, and Mark Connolly. He was the beloved "Boppa" of Elizabeth Watson, Corey Dunbar, Meichelle (Ian) Popovich, Cassandra (Keaton) Bigler, Dominic and Amelia Lazzini, Logan and Kennedy Smith; as well as the great-grandfather of Ella and Everly Watson and Elijah Popovich. Mike is also remembered as a considerate and friendly neighbor to Evelyn and Phil Rubenstein.

Mike Connolly's life made a difference in the world, especially to his family, friends, neighbors, and community. He served as an Airman First Class in the U.S. Air Force from 1961-1965, serving in the Vietnam War. Afterwards, he worked at McMillen and Baer Volkswagen before moving to McB Autosport, a business that he would eventually own and one that served the Bridgeville populace and its surrounding neighbors for over 37 years.

Mike's passion for automobiles and racing was also exemplified in his role in bringing the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix to life. Mike held many roles and titles with the PVGP since its inception in 1983, including Board of Directors, President of the Executive Committee, Race Director and being the 2012 recipient of the prestigious Dewey Dillinger Award from the Vintage Motorsport Council. Mike was also a lifetime member of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) and a devoted public servant of the Bridgeville Public Parking Authority for many years.

Mike left a lasting impact on the lives of countless people. Beyond his passions for family and racing, he will be remembered for his fantastic sense of humor and clever wit, as well as for his dutiful heart that always put others' needs before his own.

A special thank you is for Interim Home Health, Comfort Keepers, and Bridges Hospice for their love and care, especially Mary and neighbor, dear compassionate Evelyn.

Arrangements by **BEINHAEUER-FRYER**, 430 Washington Ave., Bridgeville, PA 15017, 412-221-3800. Family and friends are welcome Friday, October 13, 2023, 2-8 P.M. A Christian Mass and Burial will be chosen for a later date in Port Allegany. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. To donate electronically, go to <https://www.pvgp.org/donate/>

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