

# **ROLF WILLIAM LOTZ**

Sunday, April 23rd, 1933 - Sunday, October 8th, 2023

Rolf William Lotz, 90, of Mifflintown, formerly of Turtle Creek, Mechanicsburg, and Greentown, PA, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving wife and daughters. Rolf is survived by his wife, Brenda Lotz; daughters, Rebecca Lotz, Ruth Lotz (Joe Hudock Jr.), and Mary Soltys (Dan Soltys); step-daughter, Marisol Lalut (Aaron Watson); grandson, Luke Soltys; cousins, nieces, and dear friends. Rolf was preceded in death by his parents, William Lotz and Regine Kratt Lotz; siblings, Esther Gardner and Robert Lotz; and grandchildren, Alex and Autumn Soltys.

Rolf graduated as a salutatorian with the 1951 class at Turtle Creek High School. He earned a Bachelor's in Philosophy and Psychology and a Master's in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh, interrupting his studies to enlist in the Marines before finishing his undergraduate degree. Serving as a sergeant in the Marine Corps 1953-1956 in Washington DC was a proud accomplishment. His duties included guarding President Eisenhower at Camp David, teaching math classes, and participating in the groundbreaking and subsequent dedication of the US Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery, depicting the Iwo Jima flag raising. Rolf treasured lifelong bonds and friendships with his Marine buddies.

Rolf had varied interests and jobs, beginning with golf course greenskeeper for ten summers, beginning at age 13, earning 40 cents per hour.

He worked as a probation and parole officer and as Executive Director for Probation and Parole with the Pennsylvania Association on Probation, Parole and Corrections (PAPPC). Later Rolf was Director of Correctional Services, Eastern Territory, with the Salvation Army.

"It's not so much what you have, it's what you do with what you have" ~ 1965, to probationers. Rolf also held employment as a college instructor (Sociology, Social Work), bus and truck driver, mail carrier, and in insurance, car and retail sales, and self-employment fixing watches for jewelry stores.

Rolf was passionate about science, photography (taking thousands of slides and using the brightest lightbulbs), flying (attaining pilot's license), astronomy, growing vegetables, tinkering with cars, eating German food, and playing horseshoes, golf, mandolin, and 500.

His interests also included reading, humor, public speaking, bowling, card tricks, and numbers demonstrations.

Rolf and his family have gratitude for his long, productive, and fulfilling life. "I've loved, I've been loved, I've planted a tree."

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation.

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