

EDWARD ELLIOTT KRAMER



Edward Elliott Kramer, age 77, born in Pittsburgh, PA, passed away at home in Cave Creek, AZ on October 12, 2023.

"I had a really good time. Make sure that is on my tombstone when I go." Ed Kramer often reminded his wife, Paula (Seymour), of that sentiment during their nearly 40 years of marriage. Ed swept everyone in his circle into a good time, whether it was babysitting for granddaughter, Jane, attending family festivities, watching his beloved Pitt and Steelers football, playing golf, or dealing a lively game of cards.

Ed learned the fine art of conversation from his father, Bernard; aunt Rhea; and uncles, George and Alex Kramer, the latter whose affiliation with the University of Pittsburgh football program inspired Ed's lifelong commitment to Pitt athletics.

A proud Pittsburgh native, Ed made his homes in Export, PA, and Cave Creek, AZ, selected for the location of Harold's Cave Creek Corral, the best Steeler bar outside of Pittsburgh. He was a people person with deep love for his wife, Paula; son Michael; daughter-in-law Dana (DiVincenzo); and light of his later life, granddaughter, Jane. From the day they met, Ed embraced Paula's family, brothers-in-law, John, Paul, Joe and Randy Seymour; and sister-in-law Greta Nelson; all experienced his belief that any event is a good time for a tailgate. Ed took immense pride in his 21 nieces and nephews (even those who attended Penn State).

He is survived by brother Barry (Victoria); cousins, Stephen Aaronson (Mira) and Michelle Kries (Keith); and chosen brother, Stuart Samuels (Darlene), who made sure Ed's tenures at Alderdice High School and Youngstown State University were eventful.

His friends were many and enthusiastic, including his lifelong softball teammates from the Colonials, Pitt Section 211 at Heinz Field, the Pittsburgh ex-pats located in Arizona, and golf buddies from Tatum Ranch and the Canadian Wesley Cup League.

Ed retired after 40 years in the vending business where he impressed clients with his affability, quick wit and encyclopedic knowledge of Pittsburgh's highways and byways, earning him the nickname "Mr. Map."

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the University of Pittsburgh athletic department or to an organization of your choice. A future tailgate will be held to celebrate Ed's life.