

HERBERT W. and ROSWITHA M. FIRTH

Herbert Wesley Firth, 81, of Moon Township, died peacefully on Thursday, September 21, 2023.

Born in Williamsport, PA, he was preceded in death by his parents, George MacDonald and Genevieve Lorena (Oberholtzer) Firth, and his beloved wife of 55 years, Roswitha Monika (Mohs) Firth.

Herbert served his country as part of the United States Air Force in Europe, Special Air Mission. While stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany, he met and married Roswitha. For the next 55 years, they remained a devoted pair and enjoyed many trips to Germany and elsewhere.

He worked for Allegheny Airlines and stayed through his retirement from American Airlines.

An avid competitive shooter, Herbert was a proud member of both the Pennsylvania State Pistol Team and the Coraopolis Mudhens. Herbert also enjoyed golf although he always said he was pretty terrible at it. He said the same about the guitar. He loved reading, especially history and the Bible, and was a keen audiophile, first making tapes and later burning music CDs for friends and family.

Roswitha Monika (Mohs) Firth, 82, of Moon Township, passed away on September 16, 2022.

Born in Gispersleben bei Erfurt, Germany, she was preceded in death by her parents, Gustav and Paula "Ulla" (Mörtz) Mohs.

After escaping from Communist East Germany, Roswitha studied languages at Cambridge and the Sorbonne. She became a technical translator and later a realtor.

She found great fulfillment in volunteer work and excelled at convincing organizations to donate medical supplies and equipment to help residents of Chiriquí, Panama. Roswitha was formidable, resourceful, and not afraid to take on anything or anyone to get a job done. Always inquisitive, her interests were wide-ranging. She especially loved sharing German cooking and baking with friends and family.

Herbert and Roswitha are survived by their daughter, Roswitha Mohs Firth (Lisa Wharton); and grandsons, James Macdonald and Andrew Graham Firth-Wharton.

A memorial service will be held at the Thornburg Community Center, 545 Hamilton Road on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 2 p.m.

Contributions can be made to the McCormack Foundation, Inc., c/o Tom McCormack, 115 Reesman Drive, Aliquippa, PA 15001 in honor of Herbert and Roswitha's many years of service to the Foundation and the people of David, Panama.

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