

ALBERT JOHN SKORUPKA, JR.



Age 79, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on October 25, 2023, in Franklin Park, PA. Born in Passaic, New Jersey on July 2, 1944, to Albert John and Lillian Skorupka. Al met his best friend and love of his life, Patti, in college at Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire. They married before moving to Germany for two years with the U.S. Army Infantry; Al was a First Lieutenant. After his service,

Al enjoyed a career in the food industry. His role at Heinz brought him and his young family to Pittsburgh in 1976, after several cross-country moves. In Pittsburgh, they found a lasting home and community.

Al was an exceptional, hands-on dad, a role he embraced during a time when it was far from the norm. His happiest times were spent with Patti and their sons. To all who knew him, Al's love for and pride in his family was apparent. His proudest accomplishment was raising his three boys to be compassionate men. Upon retirement, Al devoted his time to tennis, a lifelong passion. He served as a USTA college tennis official and coached at Vincentian Academy. He also loved being a substitute teacher at North Hills High School and volunteering at Pleasant Valley Men's Shelter and Habitat for Humanity.

His life was rich with so many happy memories; his final months were spent reflecting on a life he described as "so full and beautiful." Al had a warm, welcoming personality; it was impossible to find a person who didn't call him "friend".

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patti; three sons, Chad (Debra), Erik (Emily), and Zachary Sloane); and three grandsons, Riley, Diego, and Julian. He also is survived by his brothers, Stephen and George; and his sisters, Carol and Jane. Al was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Skorupka.

Friends are welcome to pay their respects on Tuesday, November 7th, beginning at 10:00 AM in the narthex of Saint John Neumann Catholic Church, 2230 Rochester Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Mass of Christian Burial to honor Al's life will follow at 11 AM. Interment is planned for the following day at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Per the family's wishes, please DO NOT send flowers. Tributes to Al may be made in the form of memorial contributions to Family Hospice (UPMC), 700 Bower Hill Road, Suite 1405, Pittsburgh, PA 15243.

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