

# KENNETH "ZUKE" MICHAEL LUKITSH



Kenneth "Zuke" Lukitsh of Kennedy Township, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 57 on Thursday, November 2, 2023, after a six-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Ken was the son of the late Joseph and Lois (Gilbert) Lukitsh. A beloved husband who will be sadly missed, Ken is survived by his wife Sharon Marie Geary; and his daughter Paige Marie Geary to whom he was a loving father. He is also survived by

his sister Karen (Bruce) DeTurck; his brother Kevin (Becki) Lukitsh; his niece Audrey DeTurck; his nephew Kevin (Samantha) Lukitsh, Junior; and his late nephew Joey Lukitsh. Ken, who was loved and respected by his wife Sharon's family, was the much-loved son-in-law of Bernard "Chief" and Linda Hoffman; and much loved brother-in-law of Mike (Amy) Hoffman, Dave (Debbie) Hoffman, and their children who will miss Uncle Ken. Finally, Ken leaves behind his best friends Richie, Rick, and Tom who were like true brothers to him.

Ken grew up in the North Hills of Pittsburgh and graduated from Shaler High School in 1984. After high school he attended Clarion University and graduated in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications. In 2000 he graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. Ken became a teacher and was inspired to instruct students of all ages. He ended his teaching career as a physical education teacher in the Pittsburgh Public School District.

Ken will be remembered for his easy-going nature and love of sports. He and his wife Sharon shared a deep bond, watching TV together, attending sporting events, and gathering with family and friends. He was an encyclopedia of sports trivia and could tell you every team that played and won in every Super Bowl. He enjoyed time at his sister and brother-in-law's camp where many family milestones were celebrated. He was a dedicated handyman around the house, loved working in the yard, and took pride in his many home improvements.

Among his many loves, Ken held a special place in his heart for his kitties, Demi, Bella, Leo, and Mickey, who provided him with comfort and companionship over the years. His affection for them was evident, and he cherished the moments he spent with his feline friends.

Ken "Zuke" had a passion for golf and cherished the annual golf trips he took with his best friends. These trips, known fondly as the "Lithuanian Tour," were filled with laughter, friendly competition, and the occasional golf ball lost in the rough.

One of Ken's greatest passions was his unwavering support for Pittsburgh sports. He was a die-hard Steeler fan and proudly held season tickets. He loved the tailgaters and cheering on the Black and Gold through thick and thin in the warm and cold weather.

Ken may have left the game, but he leaves behind a legacy of joy, laughter, and love that will continue to inspire all those who were fortunate to share in his remarkable journey. Rest in peace dear husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. May you continue to cheer on your beloved Steel City teams from the best seat in the house.

A visitation for relatives and friends will be held on Friday, November 10, 2023, from 4-8 PM, and a Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 11 AM. Both will be at **MCDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME**, 334 Forest Grove Road, Coraopolis (Kennedy Township), PA 15108. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ken's memory may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Research (PanCAN) 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Ste 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 or [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org). [www.mcdermottfuneralhome.com/](http://www.mcdermottfuneralhome.com/)

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