

JAMES K. RUFFING

On November 6, 2023, James Kenneth Ruffing left this world to begin his life in heaven for eternity. He will wait patiently for the love of his life Jeannette, who has been his wife for the past 64 years. During those 64 years together, they raised five sons: James Kevin (Grace Lawley), Jeffrey Keith, Joseph Karl (Clara Mayne), John Kirk (Cathy Love) and Jerry Kirk (Laurie Nemanic). Jim and Jeannette; also have eight grandchildren: Jessica Ruffing, Katelyn Ruffing, Jeffrey Ruffing, Michael Ruffing, James Ruffing, Julia Ruffing, Emma Ruffing, and Taylor Nemanic. They also have one great-granddaughter, Ava Pawlowski who has a special place in Jim's heart. Jim was one of the nine children of Lawrence and Catherine Ruffing and was preceded in death by brothers Lawrence and Leo Ruffing and sisters Betty DePaul, Lois Miller, and Alice Petrulo. Jim's remaining brothers are Jack, Gilbert, and Don Ruffing.

After God, Jim placed his family next. He lived a selfless life helping everyone in his family, in any way he could, by sharing his wisdom, jokes, heart, emotions and love, every day of his life. Jim demonstrated to his family, and many others, the importance of establishing and maintaining relationships with friends and family. A 1953 graduate of Central Catholic High School, Jim was instrumental in meeting monthly with his former classmates. He coordinated and worked on the annual Lincoln Avenue Picnic committee and coordinated the Ruffing family reunion held annually. Jim always stressed the importance of making an effort to let someone know that their relationship from the past was important to him. Throughout his life Jim and Jeannette have been active members of the Catholic Church and attend St. Susanna's Church - Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish in Penn Hills. Jim served his country in the U.S. Army and has lived his life in the way Jesus Christ instructed us all to live. He cared for those in need. He volunteered to help others throughout his life and was hard working and independent until his passing.

Family and friends are invited to visit to pay their respects at **CHARLES W. TRENZ FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 11110 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 from 2-4 PM and 7-9 PM on Thursday and Friday November 9th and 10th. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Susanna Catholic Church of Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish, 200 Stotler Road, Penn Hills, PA 15235.

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