

DAVID E. DEILY



Age 76, of Ross Township, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 12, 2023, after a courageous battle with MDS cancer. Born and raised on the North Side, Pittsburgh, PA, to the late James F. and Dorothy G. (Buettnner) Deily.

Survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Ginny (Helmstetter) Deily. Cherished father of Lisa A. Heller and David R. Deily (Evora). Proud Pappy of Elisabeth R. Heller,

Sarah J. Heller and Drissa A. Deily. Brother of James L. Deily (Peggy) of Ross Township, the late Robert Deily and Russell P. Deily. Brother-in-law of Charles R. Helmstetter, Jr., Mary Ann Goodrich, and Margaret Clinebell (Bill). Also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends who loved him.

Upon graduation from Oliver High School in 1965, Dave enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served for six years. Dave served three tours of duty to Vietnam aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk (1967, 1968, 1969) as an Aviation Fire Control Technician, Petty Officer, Second Class. He was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation which was presented to him by the ship's Admiral for "exceptional meritorious and heroic service while participating in combat operations in Southeast Asia in support of the United States national policy." He was also awarded the Navy Accommodation Medal. After being discharged from the Navy, Dave worked for Port Authority Transit as a bus driver. During that time, he also attended Point Park College to study Accounting. After leaving Port Authority, he worked for the Internal Revenue Service. In 2013, he retired after 27 years of service. Dave enjoyed hunting with his father and brothers. He was an avid reader and a Pittsburgh Steelers fan. He was a member of St. Sebastian Parish (Our Lady of Mount Carmel) for 50 years where he served on Parish Council and was a Eucharistic Minister. Dave loved to tell jokes. He had a joke for everyone he met. He lived a life of service: He served God, he served his country and he served his family. He always put family first.

Family will welcome friends on Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 388 Center Avenue, West View, PA 15229. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Sebastian Church.

In lieu of flowers, family suggests donations to the MDS Foundation: www.mds-foundation.org.

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