

## PAUL R. TOPOLOSKY



Paul R. Topolosky, passed away peacefully on November 14, 2023, at the age of 81, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Braddock, Pennsylvania to Margaret and Paul Topolosky, Paul was raised with a deep appreciation for his Slovak heritage and Catholic faith. Devoted husband of 55 years to Kathleen McCann, Paul was all about family, and especially the gatherings from "down the house" in his

youth to those he hosted at their home in Monroeville.

When it came to his hometown of Pittsburgh, no one was more passionate than Paul. From his love of their sports teams to its rich history, Paul would take every opportunity to share his knowledge about the Steel City. His love of Pittsburgh was only overshadowed by his love of Kitty, his children and five grandchildren. Never did a time pass where he wasn't trying to provide guidance and wisdom which usually started with "you know what I think you should do" and was followed by big ideas full of possibilities.

Paul was very proud of his military service in the Pennsylvania National Guard at the Hunt Armory and the US Army Reserves. He was discharged as a Specialist 4th class. After obtaining his business degree from Duquesne University, he began his career in the accounting department at Alcoa and later became an appraiser at IAC. In 1968 he became a programmer trainee at J&L Steel and later joined the MIS organization at Carnegie Mellon University. While at CMU he was a team leader for the development of their undergraduate admissions system. He went on to work in systems and finance at PPG Industries and Westinghouse Corporate EDP audit staff. While at Westinghouse, he tested new technology for electronic data transmission (the first emails) and was named Manager of Information Systems. Paul later founded and successfully operated Gateway Resources Inc. a consulting, computer and engineering staffing firm for over 30 years. In his retirement Paul enjoyed working with the Westinghouse archives and on the California University and Heinz computer systems at the Heinz History Center. Paul was also an avid fisherman and nature enthusiast and enjoyed sharing these passions with his grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Topolosky (Murajda); his father, Paul Topolosky; and his daughter, Kristin Hetz (Topolosky). He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Topolosky (McCann); son, Mark Topolosky and his partner Joseph Hood of Austin, TX; daughter, Lynn Raus (Topolosky) and her husband Barry Raus of Haddonfield, NJ; brother, Ronald Murajda of Rilton, PA; and son-in-law, Scott Hetz of Washington, DC. He was blessed with five grandchildren, Samuel Raus, Jacob Hetz, Meredith Raus, Max Hetz, and Benjamin Raus.

Friends welcome Saturday 5-7 p.m. and Sunday 12-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. in the **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME**, 1111 Monroeville Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, at Christ the Divine Shepherd Church at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in Braddock Catholic Cemetery. Donations may be made to the American Lung Association in Paul's memory.

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