

# FRANK EDWARD PETROY



Frank Edward Petroy, 92, of Gibsonia, PA went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 22, 2023.

He was the beloved husband of Barbara (nee Brecht) Petroy and loving father of David (Shelley) Petroy, Lauri Petroy, Jill (Kris) Gongaware, Amy Petroy (Hillary Robinette). He had four grandchildren he adored and with whom he loved to spend time; Erika Petroy

(Owen Liu), Alexander (Maya) Petroy, Benjamin (Erica) Gongaware, Jacob Gongaware.

Frank was born in Greensburg in 1931 to Eleanor (Mahoney) Petroy. He graduated from Greensburg High School. After high school he worked at Sears, before enlisting in the Army. Frank met the love of his life, Barbara, at a Catholic Youth Organization dance and they married in 1957.

He spent 40 years at Sears where he rose from a display associate to a member of store management. He brought a spirit of joy and giving during the holidays where, for many years, he was Santa at the holiday office parties.

He was a caring man of many hats, who enjoyed giving to his family, friends and community. As young parent in Buffalo, New York, he was a football and basketball coach and role model for youth. He and Barbara lived in Gibsonia for 45 years where he served at St. Catherine of Sweden Church as a cantor and an usher. He was very dedicated to the North Hill Barbershop Chorus and put many of his energies into singing, acting, being the Master of Ceremony, and directing their shows and holiday events. On the local theater stage, he had a variety of lead roles from Captain Hook in Peter Pan to the King at the annual La Roche University Christmas play. He was also the enthusiastic voice of the Hampton Marching Band from 1997 to 2008. No matter what the role he always had time to teach youth and adults about the joy of music and acting.

When Frank retired, he made time for his own type of ministry. He spent many hours visiting sick friends and relatives sometimes bringing them a McDonald's treat, sometimes it was simply a ministry of presence. He always had a card ready to give which said "Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I together can't handle" to provide support and inspiration to all who needed it.

He was a shining light to all as a husband, father, grandfather, friend and will be missed. Frank's memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved him.

Frank was preceded in death by his mother Eleanor Petroy and his brother Richard Petroy, both of Greensburg. He is survived by his wife Barbara, children and grandchildren.

A special thanks to the caring staff at Hope Hospice and Ashton Commons. In lieu of flowers, donations to Hope Hospice would be greatly appreciated.

Family will welcome family and friends on Tuesday November 28, 2023 from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at **KING FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES, INC.**, 2841 Woodland Circle, Allison Park, PA 15101.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday November 29, 2023 at 11:00 am at St. Catherine of Sweden Church, 2554 Wildwood Road, Allison Park, PA 15010.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared with Frank's family at [www.kingfuneralhome.com](http://www.kingfuneralhome.com).

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