

## PAUL FRANCIS VON BLOCH



Age 77, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, departed this life to be with his Savior on November 24, 2023, surrounded by his loved ones. Paul is survived by his loving wife, Linda, and three children, Brian (Adrienne), Stephen (Jessie) and Sean (Emily). One of Paul's greatest joys in life was being Pap Pap to his beloved grandchildren Hazel, Luke, Owen and Josh. Paul was brother to Judith (George) Cranford, Evelyn

(Deceased Spouse, Thomas) Hilliard and Eileen (Richard) Smith. Paul was predeceased by his parents, Paul and Alice.

Paul was born on July 12, 1946. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree of Education from Duquesne University and went on to teach middle school English at Wilkesburg Junior High School for over 30 years. Paul was an avid world traveler in his bachelor days, prior to marrying the love of his life, Linda (Possino), in 1979. He was a selfless provider for his family and one of his life's great joys was watching his sons play baseball. Paul was also a lover of music and was a supporter of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra for most of his adult life.

Paul was a devoted servant to his Lord Jesus Christ and served faithfully at Church of the Ascension in Oakland for over two decades, even being recognized with a Bishop's award for outstanding lay service. Paul also supported the ministry of Young Life, which he credited for igniting his faith, in Pittsburgh and internationally. He was known as a faithful prayer warrior, and literally wore his prayers on his sleeve.

Paul's family will host a viewing at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME** in Ross Township on Tuesday, November 28 from 4-8pm. There will be a funeral service on Friday, December 1 at 11am at Church of the Ascension in Oakland. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Young Life.

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