

ROBERT RAYMOND PERKOSKI



Robert Raymond Perkoski, 69, of Churchill, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. Robert was born to Frank Perkoski and Revina Mihalek, on October 5, 1954. He was predeceased by his father. Robert is survived by his sister, Terri Tunick, and her husband, Steve Tunick; and his niece, Rachael Tunick Grometer; nephew, David Alan Tunick, great-niece, Nora June Grometer and great-

nephew, Henry Robert Grometer. After graduating from Wittenberg College in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science in psychology, he began his professional career working as a resident director at Robert Morris College, Slippery Rock State College, and Thiel College. He received his Master of Arts in education from Slippery Rock State College. In 1984, Robert, who was also known as "Bob", "Dr. Perkoski" or "Perks" started working at the University of Pittsburgh in the Placement Service Office. At Pitt is where Bob found his passion. Bob rose to director of placement and career services from 1990-1999, where he oversaw the day-to-day operations of the career services office including designing and implementing management training programs. In 1999, Bob joined the faculty of the (then) Department of Information Science and Telecommunications as an adjunct faculty member. He started teaching the Advanced Introduction to Information Science and Introduction to Telecommunications courses at the undergraduate level. In 2000, he joined the Department as a full-time faculty member and director of the Undergraduate Program in Information Science. While serving in these various positions, he earned his Master of Science in information science/studies and in 2017 went on to achieve his Doctorate in Higher Education/ Higher Education Administration, also from the University of Pittsburgh. Bob was often the first person a new undergraduate student would meet and usually the last person to congratulate those students on successfully completing their program of study. Bob played an important role in 23 years of new student orientations and graduations. Bob was an outspoken advocate for the information sciences and a caring and involved colleague. A "Celebration of Bob's Life" will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, December 8, 2023, at the Information Sciences Building, Third Floor, 135 N. Bellefield Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. At his academic home, you are invited to share a funny story, a memory, or examples of how Bob impacted your life. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made onlinegiveto.pitt.edu/perkoskimemorial, or contact Terri Taylor, Director of Development, aterritaylor@pitt.edu. Bob's family has established the Robert R. Perkoski Memorial Fund at the University of Pittsburgh School of Computing and Information to support Bob's lifelong career commitment to providing all undergraduate students with the education and resources they need to enter the world with a mastery of technology to solve societal problems. Professional services are trusted to **D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD.**, Lawrenceville. www.dalessandro ltd.com.

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