

# DENNIS OWEN KOCIAN

April 21, 1944 - December 1, 2023



Dennis Owen Kocian, of Moon Township, on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023. Loving son of the late Frank Kocian and Catherine (Sladic) Kocian of Pittsburgh's Northside. Beloved husband of the late Rosanna (Pastin) Kocian. Adored father of Wayne, whom he joins in heaven, and Rena Kocian Ralston. Loving brother of the late Loretta (the late Jack) Schweiger, Sally (Bob) Lutz, Edward (Sharan) Kocian.

Dennis was a loving and devoted uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Denny was a proud American veteran who served our country for four years with the 82nd Airborne, 2nd of 509th in Mainz, Germany. He was a gifted and highly certified welder and member of the Plumbers Local 27 Union for 54 years. He worked in every local power house within a 100 mile radius of Pittsburgh and was honored to be part of building the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station. He shared his love and talent of welding with many classes of students in the Plumbers Apprenticeship program for several years. Upon retirement from the construction trades, Denny spent 12 years as a plumbing inspector for the Allegheny County Health Department. He had a remarkable work ethic and appreciated others who did as well.

Denny was a man of many interests. He was an amazing ballroom dancer and partner to his wife Rosanna for 56 years. He loved jazz music and beautiful cars. He was an avid vegetable gardener and loved sharing the bounty of his harvest with friends and family. He enjoyed a cold beer, good conversation with friends and family and a beautiful day to sit outside and enjoy God's creation. Denny was a one of a kind man's man who didn't beat around the bush and told it like it was, but always made you feel welcome and at home. Above all else, he was a passionate defender of the underdog. He constantly put others before himself and would show up for anyone who needed his help. Denny was an incredible provider for his family, not only financially but with strength and unending love. He was selfless. He lived his life for his family and he demonstrated his love and beliefs in his daily actions. He was much loved and will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be held at the **ANTHONY J. SANVITO FUNERAL HOME**, 1316 4th Ave., Coraopolis, PA 15108, on Friday, Dec. 8 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at Providence Presbyterian Church, 77 Phillips Lane, McKees Rocks, PA 15136 on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 11 a.m.

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