

JAMES D. WALKO



James D. Walko, 87, of Murrysville, passed away on Monday, December 4, 2023. He was born May 22, 1936, in Pitcairn, son of the late John and Julia Walko.

Jim graduated from Duquesne University's Pharmacy program in 1958. He owned and operated Murrysville Pharmacy for 20 years before opening Holiday Park Pharmacy, which he owned/operated for another 20 years before retiring

in 2000. Jim joined the Murrysville-Export Rotary club in 1959 and was very active with the club until recent years, as his health began failing. He regularly volunteered at countless Rotary activities over the years like carnivals, chicken-a-go-go, Halloween Parades, and multiphasic blood screenings. He was also very involved

with the fundraising for the Miracle Field. Jim was a Paul Harris Fellow and held the positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer before becoming District Governor in 1979-1980. Jim enjoyed golf and spending time with friends at Edgewood Country Club. He loved watching the Pirates and especially the Steelers – having season tickets since Forbes Field. He was also a member of Mother of Sorrows Parish, and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Patricia; and his brother, Richard. He is survived by his three children, Lori (Ronald) Bartolotta of Export, PA, James R. (Bonnie) Walko of Cary, NC, and Susan (Hunter) Young of Roanoke, VA; five grandchildren, Anthony, Zachary and Andrea Bartolotta, and Danielle and Nicole Walko; a sister, Nadine Simpson of Manassas, VA and brother-in-law, Harold Fundis (Frankie).

The family wishes to thank the Redstone Personal Care nurses and staff for the excellent care they gave him while living there.

Visitation will be Monday, December 11, from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at **HART FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, Murrysville. Parting Prayers will be on Tuesday, December 12, at 9:15am at the funeral home, followed by a 10:00am Funeral Mass at Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, North Versailles.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Murrysville Export Rotary Club, c/o Treasurer, 1017 Timberwood Court, Murrysville, PA 15668. For online condolences, please visit www.hartfuneralhomeinc.com.

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