

JAMES H. ROCKOT



James H. Rockot, age 66, of Butler, passed away on Friday, December 15, 2023, in the comfort of his home surrounded by family. Born October 16, 1957, in Pittsburgh, he was the son of the late Joseph Rockot and Martha Ashbacher Rockot.

He retired from Bechtel as a Senior Advisor after a 36-year career as an electrical engineer where he spearheaded novel and influential programs in power electronics and systems design for the US Navy. As a mentor for new engineers, he also imparted his most essential wisdom: "KEEP THE SMOKE INSIDE THE BOX!"

Jim loved golfing and playing his guitars and was a lifelong fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers. The quintessential tinkerer, he loved to build and fix (and sometimes break) all manner of things. Above all else, Jim was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend who will be lovingly missed. He will be fondly remembered as honest, brilliant, resilient, and deeply loving.

Jim was the beloved husband of 42 years to Joyce "Max" Daly Rockot; father of Natalie (Laura) Rockot of Shaler Twp., Ken (Victoria) Rockot of San Francisco, CA, and Lindsay (John) Simon of Butler; grandfather of Kylie and Mara Simon, and Isaac Rockot; brother of Joe (Pat) Rockot, Ronda (Ray) Kopchak, Linda (the late Paul) Schmidt, Sandy (the late Chuck) Winer, and the late Lorel Shoup; brother-in-law of John (Anna) Daly, Judy (John) DeSantis, Joan (Mark) Czake, and the late Lou Zuk; and uncle to many nieces and nephews including the late Melissa Zuk.

Friends will be received for visitation on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 from 2-4 P.M. and 6-8 P.M. at the **BOYLAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CENTER OF CONNOQUENESSING TWP., INC.**, 856 Evans City Rd., Renfrew, PA 16053.

Additional visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, from 11 A.M. until the time of the Funeral Service at 1 P.M. at the funeral home. Jim will be laid to rest at Greenlawn Burial Estates in Butler.

Memorial donations may be made in Jim's honor to Mesothelioma Research Foundation of America, 3011 Townsgate Road, Suite 450, Westlake Village, CA 91361, or donate online at <https://mesorfa.org/support/GiveInHonor.php>.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at www.boylanfuneralservices.com.

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