

## THADDEUS "LATS" BENCH



Age 89, of Baldwin, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 and went into the loving arms of his beloved wife LaVonne M. (Knechtel) Bench. They were married 65 years.

He leaves behind their cherished children Judith Sopko and fiancé Tim Pechastko (the late James Sopko), Raymond and Charmaine Bench and Matthew and Jennifer Bench; adored Pap of Christine

Collier, Andrew Sopko, Luke and Megan Bench and Benjamin and Anjela Bench; great-grandfather of Lily and Garrett Collier and Emery Bench; brother of Leonard Bench, Claire Breisinger, Claudia Lang and the late Edward, Connie, Jerome and Daniel. Lats served in the U.S. Army, he loved hunting, fishing and camp, especially his beloved chalet.

Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227 on Friday, December 22, 2023 from 3-8 p.m. Funeral prayer on Saturday morning at 9:45. Mass of Christian Burial in Blessed Trinity Parish, St. Albert the Great Church at 10:30 a.m. with full military honors to follow. Please send condolences to [www.johnfslater.com](http://www.johnfslater.com)

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