

## ANTHONY M. DiGIOIA, JR., Ph.D.



Born Aug. 24, 1934, Anthony M. DiGioia Jr., Ph.D. was raised above his immigrant father's tailor shop on Lincoln Avenue in the Lincoln-Lemington section of Pittsburgh and would become a world-renowned engineer and successful business entrepreneur. Family members said his was a classic Italian-American story, with three siblings, summers spent playing baseball, earning the nickname "Dietz" while

manning second base, and attending Central Catholic High School. In 1956, Tony married Carole Kerr, whom he met while the two attended Corpus Christi parochial school on Lincoln Ave. He could always be seen with at least one camera in hand, as he chronicled decades of the family's vacations, birthdays, and special occasions. Watching these videos brought him great joy, reminiscing about Lincoln Avenue, as well as his family's long-time home in Penn Hills. He studied engineering at Carnegie Institute of Technology, now known as Carnegie Mellon University. During his time at CMU, he participated in the school's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, while earning his bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees in civil engineering. After being called up as an infantryman during the Berlin Crisis of 1961, he later was assigned to the Army Corps of Engineers. Lincoln Avenue, with its tight-knit community became a foundation for his life. It was where Dietz grew to know families that would become prominent in business and politics and would become a touchstone in his later years as a founder of The Old Neighbor's Community Picnic. It was in that community where he met his wife of 54 years, Carole Kerr, who passed in 2010 and in 2015 connected with Pat Clair, his wife of 7 years who survives him. Dr. DiGioia along with classmate Dick Gray were chosen by their CMU professor, Elio D'Appolonia to join his firm. Dr. DiGioia and Mr. Gray went on to found General Analytics Inc., later renamed GAI, which provided consultation in the energy, transportation, development, government and industrial markets. Dr. DiGioia became widely known as an expert in geotechnical engineering for power transmission lines. He retired from GAI at the age of 70, after the firm had grown to over 600 employees and he earned a reputation as an excellent leader and generous employer. After former clients continued to seek his counsel, at 72 years old, Dr. DiGioia again teamed with Mr. Gray to create DiGioia Gray & Associates, an engineering firm that grew to more than 125 employees before recently becoming part of the larger firm, Gannett Fleming. Tony also became a prominent supporter of Carnegie Mellon, where he spent years teaching as an adjunct professor and counseling young engineers as they entered the field. He went on to establish and endow the Anthony M. DiGioia Jr. and Richard E. Gray scholarship fund for civil engineering majors. Despite winning countless professional awards and founding two successful companies, Tony always insisted that he and Carole's greatest accomplishment was raising a family of eight children who went on to professional and personal success. Their Catholic faith was a steadfast foundation for their lives, and they were active parishioners at St. Bartholomew Parish for many years. He was a brilliant engineer, but an even better man. In addition to his parents, Anthony M. DiGioia and Elvira Luongo, Dr. DiGioia was preceded in death by a brother, Michael, who died in infancy, and his two other siblings, Romeo and Norma. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Clair, his children, Anthony DiGioia III, MD (Cathleen), Shadyside; Christina Murphy (Edward), Murrysville; Stephen DiGioia (Suzanne), Houston, Texas; Robert DiGioia (June), Gibsonia; Paula Deasy (Bill), Oakmont; David DiGioia (Gena), Irwin; Deanna Pochapin (Kevin), Fox Chapel; and Matthew DiGioia (Tina), Aspinwall. Also surviving are 24 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Friends will be received on Friday, December 29, 2023, from 1:00 - 7:00 PM at **ENGLISH FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC.**, 378 Maryland Ave., Oakmont, PA 15139. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at 10:30am in Holy Family Parish (Saint Irenaeus Church) 387 Maryland Ave., Oakmont, PA 15139. **EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH.** Interment to follow at Good Shepherd Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions in Tony's honor to the Anthony M. DiGioia Jr. Memorial Fund c/o the AMD3 Foundation at 5200 Westminster Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

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