

## DONALD L. WILLIAMS



Lt. Col. Donald L. Williams (ret), 76, of Gibsonia, died peacefully surrounded by loved ones on December 27, 2023. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, on January 28, 1947, son of the late Lee and Betty Jane Marquis Williams. Beloved husband for 55 years of Karen A. Scribner Williams. Loving father of Stacie Blakley (Roger), Kristen Carmody (Peter Trucksis), and Bradd Williams (Deborah). Proceeded in death by sister

Doreen Miles, son-in-law James Carmody, and grandson of Kadden Williams. Dear grandfather of Alexander (Kate) Carmody, Noah Blakley, Hwitley Williams, and Beckett Williams.

Friends received Wednesday 2-8 p.m. at **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, LTD.**, 5864 Heckert Road, Bakerstown, PA 15007. Blessing services will be held in the funeral home on Thursday at 11:30 a.m. with Father Mike Akerman, celebrant. Interment will follow with full military honors at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

Don was a U.S. Air Force Veteran, career officer as an AGR at the 171st Air Refueling Wing in Pittsburgh, retiring after 26 years with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was a navigator who flew many missions both during the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm and was the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross as an OV-10 Weapons Specialist Operator. Don was a graduate of Duquesne University and earned his master's in education from Texas Christian University. After retirement from the Air Force, Don was a history teacher at Pine-Richland High School for 20 years.

The family would like to thank the Amedisys Hospice staff, Caitlin Rudish and Amy Creese. They grew to love Don and enjoyed his sense of humor.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital, [https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?px=8268154&fr\\_id=154020&pg=personal](https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?px=8268154&fr_id=154020&pg=personal).