

JOHN ROBERT "J.R." McALLEN, SR.



Lifelong resident of Turtle Creek, age 69, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, December 30, 2023.

Born the son of the late Frederick McAllen and the late Hazel (Leslie) McAllen. Beloved husband of Grace (Corbett) McAllen for 46 wonderful years. Loving father of Melissa (Casey) Giraldo of Glenshaw and John Robert "J.R." (Nikki) McAllen, Jr. of North Huntingdon. Adored Pappy of Parker McAllen, Ashlyn Giraldo, Marley McAllen, and Maci McAllen. Preceded in death by his siblings, Frederick "Freddy" (surviving spouse, Kathy) McAllen, Kathy Marchitello, and Beth Trumbino. Son-in-law of Theresa Corbett and the late John Corbett. Brother-in-law of Pat (Carol) Corbett, Tish (Jeff) Maciupa, Janet (Rick) Urbaniak, John (June) Corbett, Chrissy (Jason) Valentine, and Jim (Sara) Corbett. Longtime friend of Joe and Betty Myers, and John "Cheater" and Robin Hanna. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

J.R. was proud to be a lifelong "Creeker" and a 1973 graduate of Turtle Creek High School. He was employed for the Electric Heights Housing Association in Turtle Creek for 47 years before retiring. While at Electric Heights, J.R. held positions in the maintenance department, and rose to the level of foreman, he was also a member of the Board of Directors. J.R. was a member of St. Colman Church in Turtle Creek, and often volunteered as an usher. He was an avid golfer, bowler, hunter, and one of the last standing fans of the Pittsburgh Pirates. One of his famous quotes was, "I am out looking for the buck." His family would joke with him that he never found that buck! J.R. enjoyed spending time with his best friend in life, Grace, and her Mom, Theresa, whom he cared for wholeheartedly. Most of all, J.R. treasured fulfilling the role of Pappy to his four grandchildren. Some of his fondest memories are those he spent taking his grandkids to school or out to eat, and traveling to all of their events.

Friends are welcome Thursday from 2-7 p.m. at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC., TURTLE CREEK / MONROEVILLE CHAPEL**, 1111 Monroeville Ave., Turtle Creek, 412-823-9350.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Colman Church of St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

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