

## MORRIS (MOE) C. WALSH



Died peacefully in Pittsburgh, PA on January 2, 2024, at the age of 95. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Moe was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Walsh, of 63 years. He is survived by his 7 children, John (Christine), Thomas, Karen (David), Marianne (Patrick), Susanne, Kathleen (Kevin), and Christine (Edward). He is also survived by his 16

grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Moe was born May 21, 1928, in Pittsburgh, PA to Morris Walsh, Sr. and Marie Breier Walsh. Tragically, his father died when Moe was two and his mother died when he was 10. He was then raised by his aunt and uncle who moved to his grandparents' farm on Braun Road in Bethel Park. As a young boy, Moe loved hunting with his dog, Duke. Hunting would be a sport he enjoyed for years. Moe graduated from Bethel Park High School in 1947. Since his Aunt Marge was working at John Dudt's Bakery in Mt. Lebanon, Moe started his first job there. This work experience ignited his interest in baking.

In 1950, Moe enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served 4 years, mostly in Hawaii. He thoroughly enjoyed the "island life" on Oahu. For years to come his children would hear stories about his work assignments and the experiences he had while serving. No doubt, he was a proud veteran.

In high school and in the Navy, he was an excellent football player and, until the weekend he left us, he enjoyed every single Steeler game.

Moe had a long-time dream of opening his own bakery and in 1955 he, along with the support of his wife, Anna, did just that, opening Bethel Bakery, the first retail bakery in Bethel Park. It was a very small shop on South Park Road with parking for one car. After three years, the bakery moved around the corner to its current location on Brightwood Road. With the move, business improved and over the years all seven children worked in the bakery with their father and mother. The bakery was closed on Sundays allowing time to focus on faith and family. After Sunday Mass, Moe would enjoy family activities such as white watering canoeing and family gatherings. As faith was a big part of his life, even in his last year, Moe was an active participant in his senior living community's Sunday Rosary Group.

In 1991 Moe and Anna Walsh transitioned into retirement when their son, John, became the second-generation owner of Bethel Bakery. For years, Moe continued to provide hands-on help and wise business advice. Moe liked nothing better, even just days before his passing, to talk about how the business was doing—now, owned by his grandson, Stephen Morris Walsh.

In retirement, Moe was able to do some of the things he had put off for years. He worked hard on his golf game (and loved those with whom he played), and he loved traveling with family and friends. If you wanted to really get him talking, you would play "500 Rummy". It was near impossible to beat him. He loved woodworking and his handiwork is displayed around his children's homes.

Moe was a role-model father—he taught many things by action, not words. Hard work, positivity, courage, always do the right thing, stay calm, don't be afraid to make a decision and stand by it, to name a few.

Family and friends will be received on Friday 2-8 PM at **PAUL HENNEY FUNERAL HOME**, 5570 Library Rd. Bethel Park. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Saturday, 10:30 AM at St. Louise de Marillac Church of St. Catherine Laboure Parish. Father Jeff Craig, Father Thom Miller, Father Joe Sioli will celebrate the Mass. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Moe's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Bethel Park Community Foundation, PO Box 811, Bethel Park, PA 15102 or The Little Sisters of the Poor, 1028 Benton Ave., Pgh., PA 15212.

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