

JOSEPH J. BALOBECK, JR.



Joseph J. Balobek, Jr., age 92, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, January 4, 2024, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Manya Balobek; his parents, Mary and Joseph Balobek, Sr.; and sister, Bernadette (Lane) Smith.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Deborah Balobek; his children, Mark (Peggy) Balobek, Michelle (Buddy)

Baker, Brian Balobek, Marsia Balobek, and Joseph A. (Michelle) Balobek; also survived by grandchildren, Alek (Becky) Balobek, Justin (Amanda) Balobek, Elena (Rob) Horstmann, Kyle Balobek (Alicia), Carl Gasper, Jr., Chelsea Gasper, (Ryan) and Christine Baker, Walter Baker (Nini), Andrea Baker (Randy), Zachary (Kathryn) Balobek and Julia Balobek. Joe was the proud great-grandfather of eight beautiful children. Of his many friends, clients, and those whose lives he has touched, none could forget his large personality.

Joe graduated from University of Notre Dame in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in Architecture. He started his architectural firm several years later and worked tirelessly designing buildings for residential and commercial clients, including numerous projects for the diocese of Pittsburgh. His mantra was to "put humanity back into architecture." Among his most notable projects were St. Malachy RC Church, Kennedy Township Municipal Building, McDermott Funeral Home, Charlemagne Condominiums, Amberson Towers, North American Martyrs Church, Our Lady Of Joy and Olde Stonewall Golf Club & Shakespeare's Restaurant.

After the passing of his dear wife, Manya, in 1997 he became a one-man office.

In June 2001, he married his present wife, Deb, who assisted him with his business.

Relatives and friends received Monday, January 8, 2024, from 2-4 & 6-8 PM at **MCDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME**, 334 Forest Grove Road, Coraopolis (Kennedy Township), PA 15108. Funeral Prayer Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 9 AM at the funeral home, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM in Archangel Gabriel Parish, St. Malachy Church, 343 Forest Grove Road, Coraopolis (Kennedy Township), PA 15108. Interment to follow in St. Mark's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Joe's memory may be made to UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, UPMC Cancer Pavilion, Suite 1B, 5150 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232 or (www.hillman.upmc.com).

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