

ALLEN I. JANIS



Age 93, of Monroeville, PA, passed away on Saturday, January 6, 2024. Allen was the beloved husband of 54 years to the late Phyllis M. (Meyer) Janis; loving father of Stuart J. (Diane Rains) Janis and Wynne D. Janis. He was also preceded in death by his parents, David M. and Rosa (Ginsburg) Janis; and by his brother and sister-in-law, Harry and June Janis. Al earned a BS in Physics from Northwestern University and

a Ph.D. in Physics from Syracuse University. From there he became a professor at the University of Pittsburgh's Department of Physics and Astronomy. He also served as the department liaison for Pitt's College in High School program, and he spent many years as Associate Director at Pitt's Center for the Philosophy of Science. Outside of physics, his passions were his family, sailing, and birding. He pursued the latter two at the family's second home on Pymatuning Lake, heading north virtually every weekend to look for eagles and egrets, geese and goldfinches, and herons and hummingbirds. He was also a fan of wordplay and puzzles of all kinds, and the Pittsburgh Savoyards' Gilbert & Sullivan operettas. Al was very devoted to his wife and children, supporting them in their various endeavors and through difficult times in their lives. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Bird Conservancy, the Pitt Department of Physics and Astronomy, or the Pitt Center for the Philosophy of Science. No public funeral is planned, but please read a full obituary and add or view tributes at www.jobefuneralhome.com.

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