

## EDWIN T. "TIGER" NEFF



Edwin T. "Tiger" Neff passed peacefully on January 17, 2024, following a short but serious illness.

Ed was born in Braddock, PA to the late Edwin F. and Teresa (Welsh) Neff. He grew up in North Braddock and attended school in the St. Thomas Parish in Braddock with his brother, John "Jack"; sister, Joyce; and special cousin, Alice (Boland) Barclay. In later years, Jack and Joyce's spouses, Roz (late)

and Bob and their children, were welcome and loving additions to their family.

Ed met his wife and best friend for life, Patty (O'Block) Neff in 1958 in the registration line at Indiana State Teacher's College (now IUP). An Elementary Education major, he went on to earn his Master of Education degree and was a teacher and then Director of Personnel in the Plum Borough School District for 25 years. After completion of the ROTC program at Indiana, Ed was commissioned in the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant and served in Germany. He went on to serve 38 years in the Pennsylvania National Guard, after which he retired with the rank of Major.

Ed and Patty were married for 57 years. They proudly raised two daughters, Amy (Neff) Thind and Susan (Neff) Kelsey and enjoyed spending time with them; their husbands, Gurb and Steven; and their four beloved grandchildren, Katie, Annie, McKenna and Jack, who in turn adored their "Pap."

Ed's Catholic faith was a central part of his life. He was a member of the Our Lady of Joy Parish (now Holy Family) where he served on the parish and finance councils. In recent years, Ed enjoyed time on the golf course with friends, comparing scores with his brother, Jack and trading tips with his brother-in-law, Robert O'Block. He and Patty have enjoyed the constant companionship of many lifelong friends, many who date back from their school days, as well as their siblings and cousins. Ed was an avid Pittsburgh sports fan and enjoyed attending Steelers games and Pitt basketball with his family and dear friend Ted.

Ed's family will welcome friends from 2-7 p.m. on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at the **MAURICE L. KNEE, LTD. FUNERAL HOME**, 7663 Saltsburg Rd., Plum, PA 15239. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 22, 2024, at Our Lady of Joy R. C. Church of Holy Family Parish. Interment with US Army funeral honors will follow in Plum Creek Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Ed's family suggest donations be made to Folds of Honor ([foldsofhonor.org](http://foldsofhonor.org)) which combines Ed's lifelong dedication to the military and education or to Plum Food Pantry ([plumfoodpantry.org](http://plumfoodpantry.org)), 81 Sandune Dr., Plum, PA 15239.

For those who are unable to attend the funeral Mass live streaming will be available at this link <https://holyfamilypgh.org/weddings-baptisms-funerals>

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