

RAYMOND V. "RAY" DeMICHIEI



Age 69, of Morningside, on Sunday, January 21, 2024. Loving father of Lauren DeMichiei; son of the late Raymond and Eleanor DeMichiei; adoring Pap of Jasper Serkoch; beloved brother of Renee DeMichiei (Bob) Farrow, Randy DeMichiei, and Robert (Amy) DeMichiei; uncle of Rob, Rachel, and Ryan, Chris, Matt, Andy, and Alaina, as well as their partners; also survived by six great-nieces and nephews. Ray served for 42 years in public safety. In 2016, he retired as Deputy Director of Pittsburgh Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Ray began his public safety career as a volunteer firefighter in his hometown community of Renton in Plum Boro. He later became an EMT and Paramedic with the City of Pittsburgh. He supervised dispatch as Emergency Operations Coordinator at the Bureau of Communications 9-1-1/EOC and finally landed in his final position of Deputy Director. Ray oversaw many programs and was instrumental in the creation of the City's first Emergency Operations Plan, Emergency Operations Center, Office of Emergency Management, and the design/construction of Pittsburgh's Mobile Command Post. He received many awards and honors during his tenure in public safety including the Phoenix Award for Distinguished Service in Disaster Recovery and the Public Safety Valor Award. Ray was an avid science-fiction enthusiast, collector, and model builder. He was fascinated by outer space and the cosmos; attended NASA's space camp program. He loved classical music, especially movie and television themes. Ray was an avid reader and loved perusing the schematics of starships and military vehicles. He was a sports fan and often attended Pittsburgh Penguins games at Consol Arena. You could also find him almost weekly at Texas Hold 'Em poker tournaments. And he always carried a special place in his heart for animals of the feline persuasion; survived by his two cats: Hendrix and Ivy. Friends received Thursday 5-8 p.m. and Friday 2-5 p.m. As well, a Public Safety Memorial Service will be held Friday at 7 p.m. with visitation to follow until 9 p.m. at **SOXMAN FUNERAL HOMES, LTD./ROTH CHAPEL**, 7450 Saltsburg Road (at Universal Road), Penn Hills, where a Service will be held Saturday 10 a.m. Interment in Plum Creek Cemetery. Memorial contributions to honor Ray may be made to Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh, 6926 Hamilton Ave., Pgh., PA 15208. www.humaneanimalrescue.org.

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