

ROBERT L. FURMAN



Age 77, of South Park, passed away on January 23, 2024 peacefully at home after a courageous battle with cancer. Bob was born on May 28, 1946 to Louis and Mary Catherine Furman of Clarksville. After Bob graduated from Bethlehem Center High School in 1964, he went on to study Elementary Education at California University where he earned a Bachelor's of Science and Master's in

Education. He attended both Duquesne University and West Virginia University receiving Principal and Superintendent Certificates. He then continued his dedication to the field of education with a Doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh in Curriculum and Instruction. Bob met his wife Rosalie (Battaglia) Furman while working on the set of California University's production of The Wizard of Oz where Rosalie was performing as Dorothy beginning a love story that culminated in 56 years of happily ever after. Bob spent his life fiercely dedicated to his three passions: faith, family and education. Bob's life was strengthened and enriched by his incredible love of God. He took great comfort in the knowledge that he would be met by those who went to the Lord before him, his parents; his wife's parents, Angelo and Katherine Battaglia; his brother, Richard and his wife Loretta; his sister-in-law, Mary Grace (Battaglia) Bernadowski; and his brother-in-law, Carl Battaglia. He is survived by his wife, Rosalie; son L. Robert and his wife Lynn; his former daughter-in-law, Tiffeni (Patrick); grandsons R. Lucas and Kyle; sister, Rebecca Kuhns and her husband Bert, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and beloved extended family. His family is far from his sole legacy, however. He began his career teaching at Bentworth School District establishing the deep roots of his passion for excellence in teaching and learning. From there, he continued for the majority of his career in the Upper Saint Clair School District as teacher, principal, and Deputy Superintendent. It was during his years at Upper Saint Clair where he became a pivotal leader in middle level education, a topic on which he became a national speaker and noted author. Bob would go on to design the Principal Certification Program at Duquesne University where he served as Director of Educational Administration. Entire generations of students found themselves inspired by this man. He spent decades nurturing students to become lifelong learners and guiding teachers to find new and innovative means to deliver content area while never forgetting the importance of the spirit of the child. His effective training of future administrators helped them to take his methods and become the kind of leaders that would go on to inspire their own school districts to greatness. The outpouring of messages of love and support from Bob's family, friends and former students has been a source of comfort to his loved ones and evidence of the reach of his positive influence on this world. Funeral arrangements by **BEINHAUERS**. Family and friends welcome at 2828 Washington Road, McMurray, PA 15317 Friday 2-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in St. Benedict the Abbot Church, St. John XXIII Parish. Interment Queen of Heaven cemetery. Please view or add tributes at www.beinhauer.com.

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