

DONALD R. THINNES

Age 76, peacefully passed away in his home on Saturday, January 20, 2024, surrounded by loved ones and his faithful four-legged companion Honey.

Donny had been an active member of Pittsburgh's LGBTQ community since the 1970s. He owned and operated a gay bar on Herron Avenue in Polish Hill that had numerous names over the years including DB's, The Norreh, Leather Central, and Donny's Place. Donny was a member of the Pittsburgh Tavern Guild, a group of bar owners that held a variety of events and raised money for many LGBTQ causes. He was a founding member of the Delta Foundation of Pittsburgh, an LGBTQ advocacy organization which planned Pittsburgh Pride and other community events.

Donny was also a proud Vietnam Veteran having served a tour of duty in-country from 1966-1968,

In addition to his parents Walter and Genevieve (Plohr), Donald was preceded in death by his brothers, David and Kenneth Thinnes. He is survived by his brother, Raymond (Marilyn) Thinnes; and sister, Kathleen McCluskey; sister, Roxanne (Dutch) Kokula. He was the proud uncle of Karyn (Michael) Reinhart, Wendy Durick, Tracey (Daniel) Nichol, Susanne and Christopher (Margaret) Thinnes. He was also the proud great-uncle to his ten nieces and nephews, and his great-great-niece and nephew.

A Memorial Service will take place at a later date. Donations can be made to Shepherd Wellness Community, 4800 Sciota St, Pittsburgh, PA 15224.

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