

# JOHN EDMONDSON



Age 72, of Franklin Park, sadly passed away on February 1st. Beloved husband for 49 years of Nancy (Fedorko) Edmondson. Loving Father of Renee Morris (Chris), Ryan Edmondson (Heather) and Rita deFreitas (Ernest); grandfather of Graham, Jackson, Lucy, Clay and Theodore; brother of Mary Lou Graves (Tom) and Patrick Jenson. Preceded in death by his mother, Filonelda (DeNoble)

Edmondson; father, Tom Edmondson; and sister, Viola.

His year-long battle with cancer was an inspiration to all who knew him. He opted for gratitude over self-pity and made a point to tell everyone how much he loved and appreciated them. "Big John" was a gentle giant whose presence was always felt by everyone in the room. He was known for his sense of humor, deep voice, and for quickly developing deep connections with total strangers, mostly because he found everyone's life story to be fascinating. He grew up in Baden, PA and attended Ambridge High School, where he was a record setting discus thrower, and a star football player. He also played football for New Mexico State University, where he was elected Playboy Sophomore All-American. He worked in sales for Medline Industries for 25 years before founding MedSystems International. Along with his beloved wife, Nancy, John regularly spent meaningful time with family and friends from all areas and periods of his life, never giving up old friends for new friends. One of his best friends and mentors up to the very end was his high school gym teacher and track coach. He will be dearly missed by a long list of family and friends, but there will never be a shortage of stories about him, and his spirit will always be present.

Family will welcome friends on Sunday, February 4th from 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. at **SHELLHAAS & SONS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC.**, 1600 Stone Mansion Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143 (Franklin Park/Wexford.) Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, February 5th at 10:30 a.m. in St. John Neuman Church of Regina Coeli Parish.

Family suggests donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

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