

# JOSEPH "JOE" GUY GANGE



Age 92, of Zelienople, passed away peacefully, on February 8th, at his home in Passavant Retirement Community. He was born to the late John Joseph and Anna Nagasky Gange on December 31, 1931. Survived by his beloved wife of almost 69 years, Sylvia Vazzana Gange; his brother, Robert (Anne) Gange of Camp Hill; and his four children, Rose Ann (Rick) Milbert of Economy, Joann Straessley of

Cranberry, Joseph (Chris) Gange of Scottsdale, and Michael (Tracy) Gange of Charlotte, NC. He was predeceased by his siblings, Helen (Lawrence) Burns, C. Marguerite Gange, and James (Linda) Gange. Joe was the proud grandfather of seven grandchildren, whom he followed and loved dearly: Melissa Milbert, Corey (Ariel Lewis) Milbert, Kyle

(Kaitlin) Milbert, Chad (Brittany Clark) Straessley, Juliana Straessley, Anthony (Amber) Gange, and Nicholas Gange, and two great-grandchildren, Aiden Gange and Rayne Straessley (predeceased).

Joe was born and grew up on Pittsburgh's North Side and was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army. He attended Allegheny High School before enlisting in the Army at age 17, serving in the Korean Conflict in 1950. He received his high school diploma in 2015, through the Army of the United States, Pittsburgh Public Schools. Before retiring in the mid-1990's, he was a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Local 12 Union for over 4 decades, contributing to many construction projects over the years in his beloved hometown, including the Pittsburgh Civic Arena and the U.S. Steel Building. For many years, Joe was a member of St. Sebastian Catholic Church in Ross Township, before moving north to the town of Zelienople and joining St. Gregory Church/Divine Grace Parish. A proud member of the American Legion and VFW, Joe was a big supporter of the Wounded Warrior Project and Disabled American Veterans. He loved his Steelers, Pirates, and Penguins, taking every opportunity to watch and cheer them on while eating his favorite Italian hoagie or munching on M&M's.

The family would like to acknowledge the staff of the Mountain Laurel household at Passavant Retirement Community, with special thanks to Shania, Heather, Bud, Josh, Dan and Tammy. You were family to him and us as well.

Family and friends are welcome on Thursday from 3-7 pm at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME OF CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP**, 2678 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, at 11 am, at Divine Grace Parish, St. Gregory Church, with Rev. Jim Wehner Officiating. Interment will follow at Christ Our Redeemer Cemetery, Ross Twp.

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