DALE RICHARD OPEKA

Age 63, of McMurray, Pennsylvania, passed away on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at St. Clair Hospital. Born in McMurray, Dale was a graduate of Peters Township High School and later earned his mechanical engineering degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He was a visionary in the automotive industry, purchasing and expanding Opeka Auto Repair into one of the largest privately-owned automotive repair businesses in Western Pennsylvania.

Beyond his business achievements, Dale's greatest joy in life was being a father. Additionally, his passion for travel took him and his family to many corners of the world, yet he found equal joy in the simple pleasures of life on their farm in Nottingham.

Dale was the cherished husband of Corinne "Rene" (Evans) Opeka, with whom he shared 34 beautiful years of marriage. He was a devoted father to Evan Opeka, and Ross Opeka (fiancé Peyton Roy) of McMurray. Dale's legacy of love extends to his sister, Nancy (Bill) Barnard of Upper St. Clair; and Aunt Terri Opeka of Denver, CO; he was a fond nephew of Jennie Zuzek, Frank Opeka, and Matthew (Jean) Opeka, also remembering his late aunt Elsie Chesnik. His role as a brother-in-law to Sandra (Samuel) Sarnicke, and Karen (Eric) Pfeil, was equally treasured. Dale's warmth, wisdom, and humor will be missed by his numerous nieces, nephews, and countless friends. Preceded in death by his parents Lillian and John Opeka, Jr.

Dale's life was a testament to his unwavering spirit and the love he had for his family and community.

Arrangements are entrusted to **BEINHAUER**, 2828 Washington Rd., McMurray, 724-941-3211. Friends and family are invited to gather for visitation on Wednesday, March 6, from 4-7 p.m., with a funeral service to immediately follow at 7 p.m., Pastor Doug Heagy officiating. Dale's life was a beacon of dedication and service, and his memory will forever inspire those who knew him.

To honor Dale's legacy and share memories, please add and view tributes at Beinhauer.com.

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