

RICHARD "MOOSE" FOWLER, SR.



Age 92, of Shaler, formerly of Lawrenceville, PA died on March 6, 2024. Preceded in death by his parents William Van Buren and Mary (Puhl) Fowler. He is survived by his wife of fifty five (55) years Linda (Dunlop) Fowler, daughter Kathryn (Katie), son Richard Jr., sister-in-law Martha Kline, nephew Matthew Kline, and extended family. He often boasted his Central Catholic High School education paid for his wife's,



daughter's, and son's college educations. Having served during the Korean War, he maintained the Marine crewcut his entire life. After thirty-four (34) years of service, having retired as a Lieutenant, he enjoyed his thirty-one (31) years of retirement from the Allegheny County Police. He was the oldest retiree and last surviving Allegheny County Police Officer who served in the 1950's. As a motorcycle police officer, he met the love of his life on the Liberty Bridge, when he pulled over a Mercy Hospital nurse driving a convertible with California license plates in 1965. He wouldn't marry her until her go-now, pay-later Europe trip was paid off. When searching for their forever home, which had to be a similar



commute to all the police barracks, he refused to get out of the car at any home with a driveway on an incline. Family always came first. He spent many hours with his children at Bauerstown Baseball/Softball Fields, Marzolf Elementary School on the basketball courts, and Shaler Area School District watching his son wrestle. Prior to Google Maps, AAA would plan a vacation for Linda and Richard to hit as many National Parks possible in a short period of time. In his retirement years, he went from being the youngest in the breakfast club to the last remaining member. When not viewing the latest action film at the movie theater, he would be reading fiction and non-fiction. He never lost at Trivial Pursuit and could answer most Jeopardy questions. Shaler North Hills Library kept up with his obscure interlibrary loan requests that brought materials from all over the country to his recliner. Just like his mother, he took his best recipes with him. Moose had a lifetime of memories/experiences and was never shy to tell a story, if given the opportunity, even if his recollection wasn't always accurate. We would like to thank the UPMC Passavant staff for their care of our family. Viewing will be Sunday, March 10, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM with a FOP Service at 7:00 PM at **D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD.**, 4522 Butler St, Pittsburgh, PA 15201. Friends and family will be welcome to gather at 10:30 AM Monday at the funeral home. Catholic mass will be held on Monday, March 11, 12:30 PM at St. Mary's (Christ the King Parish) 210 Garnier St, Pittsburgh, PA 15215. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his memory to Shaler North Hills Library (shalerlibrary.org or 1822 Mt. Royal Blvd. Glenshaw, PA 15116).

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