

RONALD J. SHELL, SR.



Age 87, of Whitehall, was born into eternal life on March 20, 2024 surrounded by his family. Preceding Ron in death were his beloved parents and sister, Gertrude and Joseph Ciesieleski, and Shirley Miller. Ron served as a First Sergeant in the United States Army from 1956-1959 and in the Reserves until 1962. Ron was a faithful member of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin Catholic Church and lived a few

houses away from the church for 55 years. He was a truck driver for the Pittsburgh Press, and then Post-Gazette, for over 30 years before retiring. He had an unwavering pride in his Polish heritage and his striking blue eyes twinkled with mischief. Ron never turned down a game of cards nor a serving of ice cream. His greatest quality was selfless love. Up until his last 18 months before passing he continued to fill his time helping others. Whether it was painting, washing cars, fixing things, taking people to appointments or running errands for others, he would never turn down a request. Ron is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Carol, and his children, Sandy Milan (Dan), Ron Shell, Jr. (Janice), Patty Shell (Maz Zrinyi), Chris Ninness, and Melissa Hayes (John); grandchildren, Anthony Milan, Lauren (Zach) Hunter, Jessika Shell, Michael Ninness, Joshua Ninness, Hunter Hayes, and Ryan Hayes; great grandchildren, Stark Hunter and Reed Hunter; brother Ed Ciesleski; and numerous nieces and nephews. Family and friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME**, 4201 Brownsville Rd., Brentwood, PA 15227, 412-881-4100 on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 from 3-8 p.m. Funeral prayer on Wednesday morning at 11:15. Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin Church at 12:00 p.m. Ron will be laid to rest at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to Asbury Foundation, www.asburyheights.org/giving-to-asbury/donate-to-asbury-heights/. Please send condolences to www.johnfslater.com

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