

# WESLEY ALBERT ERSKINE SR.



Wesley Albert Erskine Sr., Age 80, of Cranberry Township and formerly of the North Side, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Wes was born in Pittsburgh to the late Wesley and Emma Erskine.

Following high school, Wes attended Johnson University where he graduated in 1965 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Ministry and

Preaching. Wes lived a distinguished life. First and foremost, he served Jesus and he raised his children and grandchildren to serve the Lord. He impacted many lives as a preacher and also as the friendliest mailman. He worked for 35 years with the United States Postal Service before retiring. He was fortunate to travel much of the United States and also to Israel. Throughout his adult life, he lived in Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Georgia, before ultimately returning home to Pennsylvania.

In 1977, he met the love of his life, Debbie Anderson. The two were married on August 17, 1977 and have celebrated 46 years of marriage. They raised three children: Rebekah (Bernie) Riley of Zelienople, Wesley (Michelle) Erskine of Pittsburgh, and Stephen (Emily) Erskine of Canonsburg.

You would often see Wes eating popcorn in the stands watching his children play sports, and more recently his grandchildren. He was an amateur golfer in every sense and never shied from buying new devices to help him improve his game. He was an avid bowler, and he greatly enjoyed model trains. He had an impressive train display, even if it never reached full completion, always a work in progress. Near the top of the list of his accomplishments was his gospel album, released in the 1970s. Proud military father and grandfather of Wes (Army), Stephen (Army), son-in-law, Bernie Jr. (Air Force), and his grandson, Ethan (Air Force).

Wes was the proud grandfather of 12 grandchildren: Ethan (Thera), Bernie, Lillian, Victoria, Wesley, Micah, Jaden, Olivia, Christian, Isaac, Rosalee, and Adelyn. He is also survived by son, Tracey and Helen Boggard; and their children, Tracey Jr. and Cody; and a great-granddaughter; siblings, IvaGeanne Savoca, Charlene Trask, and William Erskine, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Friends received Thursday, April 4, 1 - 3 and 6 - 8 pm at **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 7720 Perry Highway, where funeral service will be held Friday, 11:00 am, with Pastor Debbie Lynch officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to National Kidney Foundation, 2403 Sidney St. Ste 205 Pittsburgh, PA 15203 or Alzheimer's Foundation of America 322 8th Ave, 16th Fl, NY, NY 10001.

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