

## EDWARD J. BIRES



Ed Bires, of Kennedy Township, passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at the age of 80 after battling numerous health issues.

He was born on August 28, 1943, in Aliquippa, PA to Steven and Mary (Zabka) Bires.

Husband of nearly 57 years to Mary Lou (Straka) Bires; proud father of Kristen Carothers (Jonathan) and Kevin (Amy Shreckengost); adoring Pap-Pap of Mitchell, Julian, and Philip Carothers. Survived by his sister Bernadine Bubash (Robert), Mary Ann DiCicco (Sam), and his brother Dennis Bires (Janice), survived by many nieces and nephews.

Ed was a 1961 graduate of Aliquippa High School, then went on to proudly serve his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1961-1965 honorably discharged as Airman First Class. He worked as an aircraft machinist during the Vietnam War at Bien Hoa Air Base and was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Ed went on to work as a machinist and in manufacturing management for several companies in the Pittsburgh region, where he was able to share his knack and ability to fix just about anything.

In his retirement, Ed was an avid biker who was always on the trails. He always had his 'notes' around the house to remember all the things he needed to do, who he needed to call and was always ready to help family and friends with any project. A devout Catholic, he was a member of St. Malachy Church for over four decades.

Ed's wish was to donate his remains for medical research, a true testament to his desire to always help others. A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Malachy Church (Coraopolis). In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Vincent DePaul Society.

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