

## **RICHARD "R.T." FORD**



Age 83, of Landrum, SC, previously of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away on April 25, 2024, after a long and valiant battle with dementia.

R.T. was predeceased by his parents, Patrick and Alice; brothers, Chuck and Jerry; and wife, Carmen. He is survived by his sister, Marie; his two sons, Tim and Dan; his stepchildren, Mike, Rick, Patrick, and Kellie; his wife, Lynn; and his three grandchildren, Connor, Reilly,

and Braedon.

R.T. was a bigger-than-life personality who loved his family and friends deeply. He shaped generations of young men as a hockey coach in the Pittsburgh area for over 40 years, and was a lifelong mentor to many. Always proud of his modest upbringing as a first generation American, R.T. was a successful entrepreneur who always enjoyed a round of golf and practical jokes with his family and friends. He left a lasting impact on many, and he will be sorely missed.

A private service will be held at the Glassy Mountain Chapel in Landrum, SC on May 23rd, followed by a celebration of life as R.T. would want.

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