

# RAYMOND FRETTERD



Age 76, of Pittsburgh, passed unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. He was the beloved husband of 50 years to Susan E. Fretterd; loving son of the late Charles and Mabel (Kilpatrick) Fretterd; cherished second cousin of Beth (Pete) Loncar of Aliquippa, PA, Robin (Bob) Smith of Wheeling, WV, Susan Melendez of Alexandria, VA, and Terri (Keith) Mattheessen, Richmond, TX; treasured cousin of Eileen (Mike) Sykes

of Canandaigua, NY; he is also survived by many other family and friends. Ray was born in Mt. Vernon, NY, and was raised in the Bronx, NY. His family moved to Park Ridge, NJ, and graduated from Park Ridge High School in 1966, with honors and as Band President. His passions for problem solving/math and music led him to Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA, where he met his wife, Susan. He graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a BS in Electrical Engineering in 1970, and MS degrees in Electrical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering in 1971. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, playing the euphonium in the ROTC Band. Ray was discharged in 1974 as a 1st Lieutenant. Ray spent the majority of his professional career as an Automation Engineer for Dravo Corporation in Pittsburgh, PA. There he worked on major steel mill systems automation projects, as well as jet engine repair automation systems for the U.S. Air Force. After his many years with Dravo, he served as an independent Automation Engineer Consultant until his retirement in 2005. Since 2006, Ray has assisted countless people with their tax preparation through his efforts at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA.) Ray, along with his wife, volunteered at several local organizations in Mt Lebanon, PA. They also took care of and loved dearly two Shar-Pei dogs during their marriage, named Bourbon and Millie. Ray and Sue enjoyed trips to Europe, excellent restaurants and entertainment, and most importantly spending quality time with family and friends. Arrangements by **BEINHAUERS**. Family and friends welcome at 2828 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA 15317, 724-941-3211, on Friday, June 7, 2024, from 11 am – 12 pm. There will be a memorial service immediately following at the funeral home, where we invite anyone who knew him to share a story in his memory. The family invites everyone to a luncheon in the Community Room, following the service and to the interment at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery at 2:30 pm. Please add or view tributes at [www.beinhauer.com](http://www.beinhauer.com)

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