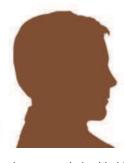
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Scholtz, Ken of Chapel, passed away unexpectedly at his home on June 4, 2024. He was 85 તાંડ ∠4. He and I∩ er years o He was 85 looked ten years old... and rooks years old... and rooks years younger. Born to Frank and Erma (Kopp) Scholtz on November 20, 1938. The family house on James Street in Springdale was one block from church, and two blocks from the ball field - just right for young Kenny. The stories 4, 20 old...

from the ball field - just right for young Kenny. The stories from his childhood are epic - some of them involved trains, and many ended with him and his buddies running from something or someone - think "A Christmas Story" or "Stand By Me" and you can get the picture if you sprinkle in a lot of pickup basketball games and hunting and fishing with his dad. He cherished his Springdale upbringing and spoke of it often, we never tired of hearing about it.

At Springdale High, Ken starred in football, basketball and baseball, and graduated in 1956. After a year at St. Vincent College, Ken went on to Slippery Rock, where he again played all three sports... keeping "only" football and baseball into junior and senior years. Playing football - for Coach Charlie Godlasky - he never wore a facemask in his life. Ken really excelled in baseball. He continued playing for years post-college, on "teams in the Valley that paid you a few a bucks per game."

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Ken and Marge were married June 20, 1964, at St. Germaine Church in Bethel Park, with a honeymoon on Nantucket. Their love for each other was undeniable. They talked about their newlywed years as having no money to spend, but always going places, having adventures, and laughing a lot. They spent summers in a graduate program at the University of Connecticut, and also drove to California for a summer program at UC-Long Beach.

They celebrated the birth of baby Marjorie "Jodie" in 1967, Mollianne in 1969, and son Kenny in 1975. Absolute joys to the young dad - with endless 8mm film reels to prove it.

With a growing family, and a masters degree from UConn, ken transitioned from science teacher and coach, to assistant principal at Fox Chapel High. Attending night school at Pitt, he earned his PhD in 1972. In 1974, Hampton School District hired him as High School Principal. It was his favorite job of all time. He could've written a book filled with year at the principal of the Year in 1984. He also served a term as resident of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. He transitioned to Superintendent in 1987, and retired in 2000. Hampton is a special place - not because of him, but anyone will tell you that he played a big part.

The thousands of kids who went through Hampton Schools way back when, maybe got to feel a little bit of what Jodie, Mollie and Kenny got from their Dad in bunches. Love, support, steady guidance, consistency, humor, faith, positivity, focusing on the right things and giving us seemingly all the right roughes and that was just when he was teaching us to ski and play tennis! He was the best dad anybody could ever ask for, and then some. He would always seem to say just the right thing, or leave the right note for you at the right trone of you give Ken and Marge co

visitation will be at **WEDDELL-AJAK FUNERAL HOME**, 100 Center Avenue, Aspinwall, on Tuesday, June 11th, from 2 - 6 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at Christ The King Parish - St. Scholastica Church, on Wednesday, June 12th, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Holy Family Institute, in Ken's memory.

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