

## DONALD PRIESTLEY

On Wednesday, June 12, 2024, Donald "Don" L. Priestley, age 79, from Ross Township, passed peacefully after complications from recently diagnosed lymphoma. Beloved husband for over 45 years of the late Barbara Bruder Priestley; father of Kristen M. (Patrick M. Sanders) Priestley and Ingrid E. Priestley both of Pittsburgh; grandfather of Josh Priestley of Pittsburgh; brother of Barbara Crain of Harrodsburg, KY, Shirley (Cliff) Thomas of Calabash, NC, and Scott (Darla) Priestley of Addison, PA; also survived by many cherished nieces and nephews.

Originally of Wilkinsburg, PA, Don served in the Army from May 1966-May 1969, and received an officer's commission to 2nd Lieutenant. In Northern New York while working at St. Lawrence University, Don earned his BA of Computer Science from SUNY Potsdam. He also served as a volunteer firefighter and EMT in Canton, NY. Don's career in computer information technology included St. Lawrence University, ALCOA (Massena, NY and Pittsburgh, PA), Mellon Fiduciary Services, Katz Graduate School of Business at Pitt, and extensive private consulting. He was a member of the Pittsburgh High Technology Council, and served on the Boards and as a member of several business organizations. Don faithfully attended North Way Christian Community for over 40 years, volunteered with Priority Two Ministries for many years, and devoted time to various groups and volunteer duties within his church and community. In 'retirement', Don worked at ACE Hardware in Wexford, and immensely enjoyed his last few years working as a prep chef for Totin's Diner of Wexford. He also took great pleasure in his at-home hobby of seasoning and smoking meats to perfection. Don was charismatic, widely respected, and will be fondly remembered for his playful humor and boisterous laughter. He truly loved socializing with his family and many friends, and had a passion for service, outreach, and giving to others.

Visitors will be received 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 20th, at **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 7720 Perry Hwy., Pgh, PA 15237. A memorial service to celebrate Don's life will be held on Saturday, June 22nd, at 11 a.m. at North Way Christian Community, 12121 Perry Hwy., Wexford, PA 15090. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family would request that contributions be made in Don Priestley's name to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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