

## LOUIS J. PANE



Of North Braddock, passed away surrounded by family on Sunday, June 16, 2024, at the age of 93. Born on September 25, 1930, in Bradford, PA, son of the late John Pane and the late Maggie (Costanzo) Pane. Family was the cornerstone of Louis's life. He is survived by his beloved wife, Alice (Bartosik) Pane, with whom he shared 71 wonderful years of marriage. Loving father of Carol Ann (Drew) Skladany of

North Braddock and Nancy (Bill) Lehman of Westmoreland City. His legacy continues through his grandson, Danny Lehman; granddaughter, Jessica (Jorge) Jordan; and great-grandson, Jet Louis Jordan. He was preceded in death by his sister, Mary, and his seven brothers and sisters-in-law. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Lou's journey began alongside his beloved wife, Alice (Bartosik) Pane. The two met at a dance in Swissvale and quickly became inseparable. Lou and Alice married just two days before Lou bravely departed to serve in the Korean War as a member of the US Army. During his 18 months of service, Louis's commitment to his country was as steadfast as his love for Alice, a bond that would only grow stronger over their many years together. Before his military service, Louis's industrious spirit was evident from a young age. At just 12 years old, he ran two newspaper stands in Swissvale, recruited in the wake of the Pearl Harbor bombing. His early foray into entrepreneurship laid the groundwork for a lifetime of hard work. Lou's career spanned various industries, from grave digging, to flowers, to the grocery business, where he and Alice thrived as produce hucksters throughout the greater Pittsburgh area. His later years were spent working for West Penn Hospital, where he retired after forming countless friendships and acquaintances that he treasured deeply. Louis's work ethic was matched only by his passion for his interests. He found joy and solace in the great outdoors through hunting, fishing, taking joy rides with Alice, and golfing. His serene garden at his North Braddock home was a testament to his dedication, as he spent many long hours tending to it with his own hands, nurturing every plant and flower with the same care he showed to those he loved. Lou's role as a family man extended beyond provision and protection; he was a caregiver to his wife for many years, embodying the virtues of patience and devotion. Lou was a man of few words, but his words carried weight. When he spoke, he imparted wisdom and memorable lessons that resonated with those fortunate enough to listen. In his passing, Lou leaves behind a legacy of love, hard work, and the importance of family. His life's journey was marked by an unwavering commitment to the values he held dear. Lou's memory will be treasured by his family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of crossing paths with this remarkable man. Friends are welcome Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC.**, 700 Linden Ave. at Cable, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112, (412) 824-8800. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in St. John Fisher Church of St. Joseph the Worker Parish. A presentation of Military Honors will follow the funeral mass.

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