

## ROBERT "BUDDY" THOMAS MALKO



Robert "Buddy" Thomas Malko, age 80, of Pittsburgh, died on June 22, 2024. Born December 22, 1943, in Pittsburgh, he was the son of the late John Sr. and Sophia Malko. Robert is survived by his son, Alec W. Malko, of Las Vegas, NV; his wife, Stefania Ciantelli, of Livorno, Italy; his siblings Lee A. Malko, (Jean), of Plum Boro, PA, John W. Malko, Jr., of Myrtle Beach, SC; Anna Marie Pavone (Chris), of Pittsburgh, PA. Bob

graduated from Duquesne University and was an advertising account executive with Wyse Advertising in Cleveland, OH, and J Walter Thompson in Milan, Italy. He also taught English as a second language in both Livorno, Italy, and his hometown of Pittsburgh, PA. He was particularly fond of his Russian students in Homestead, PA. Bob had enormous pride and took great joy in his time with his beloved son, Alec. He also loved his time living in Livorno, Italy, with his wife, Stefania. Bob, or "Buddy" as his family knew him, enjoyed a life of extensive travel and adventure throughout the globe. He even managed to convince his mother, Sophia, to join him on a wonderful trip to Poland. But, Bob always felt the most alive and at home in Tuscany, Italy, and especially in Florence. His family and friends who ventured to Italy were always treated to the full tour guide experience that Bob provided. A life-long learner, Bob had a passion for Renaissance art, particularly the works of Caravaggio, generously sharing that passion with friends and family. His presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. The family would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the loving and skilled nursing of all of the healthcare team at Shadyside Hospital 6th Floor Main, and the Family Hospice at the Canterbury Place in Lawrenceville. In lieu of flowers, please donate to The American Lung Cancer Foundation ([www.donate.cancer.org](http://www.donate.cancer.org).) Professional services entrusted to **D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD**, 4522 Butler Street Pittsburgh, PA 15201. [www.dalessandro ltd.com](http://www.dalessandro ltd.com).

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