

JAMES "JIM" TREHAR



Age 83, of Beaver Falls, PA, passed away peacefully at home on July 7, 2024, after a long illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Helen Trehar and his sister Joyce Adele Boyd Beaver. He is survived by his beloved wife Barbara (née Recker), his brother Robert Boyd, his children Eric (Bobbi), Chad (Laura), Randall (Mathieu) and Jennifer (Sean). He will be lovingly remembered by his

grandchildren Rebekah (Anna), Collin (Sarah), Eric and James. The family also recently welcomed great-grandson Emmett, who was born just a few days after Jim's 83rd birthday.

Born Andrew Padgett on April 1, 1941, Jim was adopted by the Trehars as a small child. Raised in Aliquippa, he formed life-long friendships at an early age, and his friends Augie Conte, John Reddy, Harold Pillar and Sam Fester were like uncles to his children. Though he grew up without birth siblings, he regularly took the train to visit cousins Jack and Marianne Wendle, who were like a brother and sister. Jim loved his childhood and home town, and he spoke fondly of family, friends, neighbors and locations, which had long since disappeared.

Jim graduated from Aliquippa High School in 1959 and earned his bachelor's degree at Geneva College in Beaver Falls. He later completed his master's degree at Slippery Rock University in Butler County.

History and geography were favorite subjects, which Jim taught as a teacher in the Avonworth School District. There, he also forged a strong friendship with Charlie Wright, whom he would meet for breakfast nearly every week since his retirement.

Though particularly interested in Western Pennsylvania, Jim eagerly explored new places whenever he could. As a young father, he led his family on tours of civil war battlefields, presidential homes, aircraft carriers and other historic sites. Later in life, he spent summers in Europe and eventually visited dozens of countries around the world.

Most of all, Jim lived for his family. He was immensely proud of his wife and children, and he took care of his mother-in-law Anne like she was his own. Over the years he's been a stay-at-home dad, Scoutmaster, coach and chauffeur. And his family will forever miss the sound of his humming as he folded laundry with the dog at his side.

Friends will be received Thursday, July 11, 2024, from 4pm until 7pm at **TATALOVICH FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES, INC., CENTER TWP.,** 3475 Brodhead Rd, Monaca, PA 15061. Family and friends will gather Friday, July 12, 2024, at St. Titus Catholic Church, 52 Franklin Ave, Aliquippa, PA 15001, where a memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Beaver County Humane Society.

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