

JOHN W. GRACE, JR.



John W. Grace, Jr., age 81, of Richland Township, PA, died July 10, 2024 from complications of acute leukemia.

Surviving are his wife, Marilou Thompson Grace; son, Derrick Grace; daughter, Elynn Lebron; stepchildren, Eric Dalton and Leslie Dalton Benning (deceased); and grandchildren, Alysia and Eleni Grace, Kammi Gallagher, Connor and Carter Dalton; and his sister, Laraine Bailey;

and nephew, David Bailey.

He was born in Scio, OH on March 13, 1943 to the late John, Sr. and Dora Merkle Grace.

After getting his undergraduate degree at Ohio University in Athens, OH, he went on to obtain his Masters in Business at The Ohio State University while working for BancOhio in Columbus, OH. John proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War as a 1st Lieutenant.

John moved to Pittsburgh in 1972 and took a position with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh in the Treasurer's Department. In 1980 he and his partner Ken Rieger started their own specialized investment company, G&R Investment Consultants, Inc. serving only banks, savings and loans and credit unions. After the passing of Ken in 2021, John kept the business going until his health prompted him to close the office in December 2022.

His love of golf and business acumen, along with his wry sense of humor, gained him many friendships through the years in his personal and business life.

Friends received Monday 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, LTD.**, 5864 Heckert Road, Bakestown. Interment with military honors will be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, PA.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to UPMC Cancer Research or the Humane Society of Greene County, Waynesburg, PA where his latest love, Baxter, came from.

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