

SAMUEL "SAM" P. HEADLEY



Age 78, died peacefully at home in Upper St. Clair, PA on July 23, 2024 surrounded by his family. He was born April 27, 1946 in Baltimore, MD, the son of Alden Delano Headley and Gertrude Manning. Sam grew up in Dundalk, Maryland and in Callao, Virginia, where his family had a farm on the Northern Neck peninsula. He spent many summers on the Chesapeake Bay.

Sam attended Fork Union Military Academy, and graduated in 1966 from Dundalk Senior High School, Baltimore, MD. Following graduation he served in the U.S. Navy from 1966 - 1970, and was a Flight Deck Petty Officer on the USS Independence, with deployment in support of the Vietnam conflict.

He met Paulette Eileen (Galaski) Headley in Virginia Beach in 1967 and they celebrated 55 years of marriage this past June, settling in the South Hills of Pittsburgh. He worked at LTV Steel Company as a Foreman and Port Authority South Hills Rail Center as a Supervisory Security Guard.

Sam lived in Upper St. Clair for 37 years. His generosity and kindness to friends and neighbors was noteworthy. He was an expert in repairing just about anything mechanical and soon became the neighborhood 'go to guy' for home repair assistance. Sam spent the past two decades meticulously tending to his backyard swimming pool, which has the best freshwater pH balance in the Township (if not all of Pittsburgh). He collected watches, was a fan of western films, and loved learning about history. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and community.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Paulette (Galaski) Headley, are children Jennifer Headley (Denver, CO), Ted Headley and his wife Jackie Aviles (Frisco, TX), grandchildren Samantha (Headley) and Caleb Shelton (Elizabeth City, NC), Theo and Lana (Miller) Headley (Arlington, WA), Isabella Wright (Bernville, PA), and Nicholas Headley (Bernville, PA). Funeral arrangements by **BEINHAUERS**. Family and friends welcome at 2828 Washington Road, McMurray, PA 15317, on Sunday, September 22, 2024, 2-8p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, September 23, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. in St. Louise de Marillac Church, St. Catherine Laboure Parish. Inurnment at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. The family kindly requests that, if possible, guests honor Sam's love for the cowboy lifestyle by wearing something western to the memorial service. Please view or add tributes at www.beinhauer.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Upper St. Clair Volunteer Fire Department in Sam's memory at this link and full url: <https://admin.eservicestech.com/p/TsZPvpELDMmVNpKWppfbFCKq/donate>

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