

# WILLIAM J. SMITH



William J. Smith, 84, of Latrobe, formerly of Ligonier, passed away on Monday, July 29, 2024 at St. Charles Hospital, Bend, OR.

Born November 4, 1939 in Pittsburgh, he was a son of the late John M. and Margaret (Ratay) Smith.

William was a member of St. Cecilia Church, Whitney, and had been a longtime active member of Holy Trinity Church, Ligonier, where he served as a Eucharistic

Minister. Prior to his retirement, he had a long career in the banking industry. He was also employed, and served on the board of directors for Mom's House, Inc. He volunteered for Meals on Wheels and Faith in Action. William enjoyed fishing, walking, vacations, and time spent with his family.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Ronald Smith; and a son-in-law, Roger Wagner.

William is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary (Matthews) Smith, of Latrobe; three children, Sandy Wagner of Bethel Park, Sheri Slezak, and her husband Tony, of Latrobe, and William E. Smith, and his wife Christine, of South Lake Tahoe, CA; one sister, Lorraine Bell; six grandchildren, Matthew Smith, Sarah Slezak (Erin), Julie McLuckie (William), Emily Wagner, Jeff Wagner, and Michael Slezak; and one great-grandson, Conor McLuckie.

There will be no public visitations. Family and friends are invited to attend a funeral Mass at 11 am Friday, August 16, 2024, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Ligonier, with the Rev. Anthony Carbone as celebrant. Interment will follow at Greensburg Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Mom's House Inc., 1325 Franklin Street, Johnstown, PA 15905 or to Faith In Action, 428 Main Street, Latrobe, PA 15650. Arrangements are being handled by the **LOPATICH-BRINKER FUNERAL HOME, LLC.**, 601 Weldon Street, Latrobe. To sign the online guest book, send condolences, or share a story, please visit [www.lopaticnbrinker.com](http://www.lopaticnbrinker.com).

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