

# MICHAEL JOSEPH FARRELL



Michael Joseph Farrell, 74, passed away on August 16, 2024, with his family by his side, in Upper St. Clair, PA. Born on January 24, 1950, in Pittsburgh, PA, he was a distinguished figure in the business community and a devoted family man.

Michael graduated from Montour High School before earning a degree in accounting from Penn State University in 1971. He was later awarded an OPM from

the Graduate School of Business Administration at Harvard University and completed the Director's College Program at Stanford Law School.

His career was marked by a remarkable ascent from running a newspaper route at age nine to becoming the chairman, CEO, and president of Farrell & Co., a leading investment banking firm based in Pittsburgh. Prior to starting his business, Mike held executive positions at MK Rail, Motor Coils Manufacturing and Season-All Industries. He started his career in public accounting at Deloitte & Touche. Additionally, he served as the lead director of the board for Federated Investors until the time of his passing.

Known for his entrepreneurial spirit, Michael established the Farrell Center for Corporate Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Penn State and was also selected by the Board of Trustees to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2001.

A firm believer in community and faith, Michael was a member of Resurrection Parish. His interests included watching Penn State and Pittsburgh Steelers football, reading, and traveling the world. Michael also served in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

Michael leaves behind his loving wife, Kristen, and his sons, Michael (Kristen), Christopher (Griffin), and James; as well as his grandson Hagen. He is also survived by his sister, Kathy Swilling, niece Jennifer (Seth), their children Graeme and Scarlett, his nephew Matt Swilling and his sons Liam and Declan. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Janet, his brother James, and his brother-in-law Berry Swilling.

Visitation will be held at **BEINHAUER FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**, 2820 Washington Road, Canonsburg, PA 15317. Visitation hours are 2-4pm and 6-8pm on Friday, August 23rd. Michael's life and legacy will be honored and remembered by all who knew him at a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, August 24, 2024, 10AM at Resurrection Parish, St. John Capistran Church, 1610 McMillan Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15241.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Michael J. Farrell Entrepreneurship Scholarship. Checks should be made payable to Penn State University. Please note "Michael J. Farrell Entrepreneurship Scholarship" in the memo section. Donations can be mailed to Smeal Development Office, 475 Shortlidge Road, 209 Business Building, University Park, PA 16802.