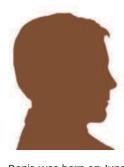
## DENIS MEINERT



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set a remarkable example for us all. Denis passed away peacefully at his home, in O'Hara Township, Pittsburgh, PA, surrounded by his loving family on August 26, 2024, at the age of 64.

Denis was born on June 10, 1960, in Pittsburgh, PA as the fifth of John and Alice Meinert's ten children. He grew up in a close-knit family in O'Hara Township, where he lived for 60 years within a mile of his parents. Denis attended Saint Joseph Primary and Middle School before graduating from Fox Chapel Area High School. He had an active childhood playing any sport available to him in addition to playing cards and working at John A. Meinert Landscaping for his father. His leadership development began with the mentorship of his father.

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He furthered his education at Grove City College, arriving with just two duffel bags: one for clothes and the other packed with sports equipment. While at Grove City College, he made lifelong friends and had an active social life. He joined and became the President of Kappa Alpha Phi fraternity and enjoyed intramural sports. Most importantly, while at Grove City College, he met the love of his life, Fran (Jackson) Meinert. Denis and Fran married in 1982, a few months after graduation. He remained active in the Grove City College community over the years, giving guest lectures and attending the annual fraternity golf outing where he was better known for sporting bright green pants than his golf skills. Denis later earned his MBA from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

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City College community over the years, giving guest lectures and attending the annual fraternity golf outing where he was better known for sporting bright green pants than his golf skills. Denis professional journey was distinguished by remarkable achievements. He became known for his problem solving. He started his career at H.B. Maynard and Co., where he spent 25 years playing a pivotal role in building and eventually selling the business. Over the years, he earned admiration and respect for his work ethic and principled approach to business, which he used to start Meinert LLC. He was especially skilled at negotiating primarily due to his innate ability to understand people and find a win-win. Denis' skill set and connections provided opportunities for consulting with several different companies including CAPTCHA, reCAPTCHA, 4moms and Duolingo with the two latter companies turning into full time employment. He joined Duolingo when the company was just a small team of 20, and helped it grow to over 500 employees by the time he retired. His arrival raised the average age by about 20 years, earning him the affectionate nickname Work Dad' from his fellow duos. He fondly recalled many of his former co-workers, who often felt like an extended family. His leadership extended beyond the corporate world. He was committed to his faith in Jesus Christ, and it influenced everything he did. Denis belonged to St. Joseph parish since he was a child where he and Frand donated their time to serve as marriage counselors, and he was part of the fundraising committee for the new church. He served terms as the Treasurer and President of Chara Township and was a member and President of Lake Latonka Board. Denis also dedicated his time to numerous other community organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, Fox Chapel Winter League, Boy Scouts of America, Black Pastors United for Education, and Commonwealth Foundation.

Denis' zest for life was evident in the range of his hobbies. He took countless bike trips with his swife and f

his sister-in-law, Shelley Jackson; and this hie-phew, Doing.

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A man of humility, kindness, and unwavering faith, Denis was passionate about life and dedicated to serving others. He was selfless to the very end. His presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A service will be held on Saturday, September 28th, at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph's Church, 342 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh PA, 15215, with a celebration of life to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in Denis' memory to Black Pastors United for Education, Commonwealth Foundation or the Bartlett Cancer Research Fund.

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