

EDWARD H. "ED" PFERDEHIRT



Of Forest Hills, recently a resident of Point Pleasant in North Versailles, a cherished family man, and respected community member, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at the golden age of 100. Born on August 3, 1924, in Forest Hills, Ed spent a century building a legacy of service and accomplishment that touched the lives of many.

A devoted husband, Ed was married to his beloved wife, the late Marie (Morgan) Pferdehirt, for 72 years. He was a loving father to Barbara (Barry) Minster of OH, Edward H. (Evelyn) Pferdehirt, Jr. of Plum, Frederick (Valerie) Pferdehirt of Churchill, and David (Gina) Pferdehirt of Plum. His role as a grandfather brought him great joy, as he deeply cherished his grandchildren Heather (Gary) Payne, Bodie (Melanie) Minster, Brandon (Nancy) Minster, Brett Minster, Bradley (Lauren) Pferdehirt, Ryan (Elizabeth) Pferdehirt, Emily (John) Knauss, Elizabeth (Eric) Meinert, Edward Pferdehirt, and Erick Pferdehirt.

Ed is also survived by 31 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter and also nieces and nephews.

Ed was preceded in death by his brother, Frederick Pferdehirt, and his sisters, Adelaide Nugent and Elizabeth Wenzele.

Ed was a 1941 graduate of Wilkinsburg High School. His intelligence and analytical mind led him to begin a fulfilling career at Westinghouse in East Pittsburgh. His path, however, took a turn in 1943 when he enlisted with the U.S. Army Air Corps and was later reassigned to the regular Army. Ed bravely served his country in several battles during World War II, and he participated in the liberation of the Buchenwald concentration camp in April 1945. After the war in Europe concluded, he served as a communications advisor/observer at the Nuremberg Trials, witnessing first-hand the proceedings that would go down in history.

Returning home, Ed rejoined Westinghouse and continued to demonstrate his skills and dedication, retiring in 1985 as a Manufacturing Engineer after a long and successful career. His work ethic was mirrored in his commitment to his community, where he served as a volunteer member of the Forest Hills Auxiliary Police, was a 'charter' member of St. Maurice Parish and was a member of the V.F.W.

Ed's passion for sports was undeniable. On the golf course, he achieved a remarkable feat with two holes-in-one and played on some of the most prestigious courses in the world, including Pebble Beach, Oakmont, and St. Andrews in Scotland. As a bowler, he was equally skilled, rolling two '300' games and winning a Westinghouse League Championship. His love for sports extended to being an ardent fan of the Pittsburgh pro sports teams and the University of Pittsburgh teams. He most enjoyed attending Pirates games with Marie at his side.

Ed's century of life was marked by service to his country, love and devotion to his family, and a commitment to excellence in all endeavors.

All are welcome on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8pm at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC.**, 700 Linden Ave. at Cable, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112, 412-824-8800.

Mass of Christian Burial will be in St. Maurice Church (St. Joseph the Worker Parish) on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Ed will be laid to rest with Military Honors in St. Joseph Cemetery, alongside Marie, on the 76th anniversary of their wedding in 1948.

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