

RICHARD "DICK" EDMUND SUNDERLIN



Age 86, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully at his home in Pittsburgh, PA, on September 2, 2024. Born on October 28, 1937, in Elkland, PA, Dick was the son of the late Durrell A. and Amelia (Holtzman) Sunderlin. He was a devoted husband of 63 years to Elsa (Dilenno) Sunderlin; and a loving father to Stephen J. Sunderlin of New York, NY, David C. Sunderlin of Pittsburgh, PA, and Diane M.

Sunderlin (Susan McShane) of Pittsburgh, PA. Dick also leaves behind cherished grandchildren, Tiffany M. Moniz (Stephen) of Lancaster, PA and James O'Connor (Vanessa) of Baltimore, MD; as well as great-grandchildren Dylan, Josslyn, and Anna. Preceding him in death were his sons, Richard E. Sunderlin, II and Thomas A. Sunderlin; and his sister, Ann Redinger.

Dick grew up in Westfield, PA and graduated from Cowanesque Valley High School in 1955, where he was a proud member of a state championship basketball team and member of student council. His commitment to service was evident early on, as he achieved the esteemed rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

He earned a teaching degree from Mansfield State Teachers College and began his career in Galeton, PA. For 30 plus years, Dick taught Social Studies/Civics in the Williamsport Area School District, serving at Curtin and Lycoming Valley Middle Schools, as well as Williamsport Area High School. He also coached JV basketball, leaving a lasting impression on his students with his caring nature, sense of humor and memorable open book tests.

Dick was an active community member, dedicating his efforts to ARC of Lycoming County through organizing the Bike Hike to support his son, Richie, who lived with Down Syndrome. In addition, he ran the successful Pleasant Hill Bait Company, providing live bait to fishermen and sporting goods stores across central PA and the East Coast. He also took pride in contributing to the upkeep of his ancestor's cemetery in Sunderlinville, PA.

He was an avid photographer with a passion for capturing moments from his travels, including scenes from his retirement community in Largo, FL and his wife's family home in Italy.

A man of profound dedication to his family, students and community, Dick's legacy of kindness, service and enthusiasm will be fondly remembered and deeply missed.

Friends will be received for a Memorial visitation on Saturday, September 14, from 1pm-4pm, at

The Residence of Bethel Park, 5851 Keystone Drive, 4th Floor, Bethel Park, PA 15102.

Information for services and burial in Williamsport, PA to follow.

If lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Special Olympics Pennsylvania (specialolympicspa.org) or Human Rights Campaign (hrc.org).

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