

# HARRY JOSEPH KROLL



Harry Joseph Kroll, 59, passed away peacefully on his own terms, surrounded by family and friends on Sunday, September 1, 2024. Harry established himself as a fierce and brave fighter throughout his short battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Born in Pittsburgh, PA, on September 23, 1964, son of the late John Kroll Sr. and Anne Wenger Kroll. Beloved husband for 33 years to Deb Schilberg Kroll;

and devoted Daddy to Lexie Kroll. Brother of John Kroll, Jr. (Janet), Kathy Batykefer (Gary), Steve Kroll (Mare), Connie Kroll (Blair McDermott), Dave Kroll (Mary), and Cindy Mason (Mike). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was a graduate of North Allegheny High School, and had a double-major from Robert Morris College. Harry was also a devoted coworker and mentor to many during his career at Pioneer Electronics for 33 years, and a respected friend to many.

While Harry's physical fight has come to a conclusion, his spirit will live on in countless ways: when you gaze at the night sky, enjoy dinner with your family, watch the backyard birds, appreciate saltwater fish tanks, sip an aged Bourbon, enjoy sarcastic and witty banter, or find a piece of music that you just can't play loud enough, his impact will still be felt. He mentored us all to be our own selves and to always have a good time.

Harry donated his brain and spinal cord to the Live Like Lou Center for ALS Research at the University of Pittsburgh Brain Institute, and the University of Pittsburgh Department of Neurology's ALS Program. He wanted his struggle to contribute to understanding the underlying causes of ALS and other neurodegenerative diseases.

In accordance with Harry's wishes, there will be no formal funeral service. In true Harry fashion, he already hosted his own funeral and wake this summer! During his Final Farewell Tour, he was able to spend time with hundreds that loved him. Live music, food, drinks, laughter, and time together ensured a great way to honor a great man. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to help with expenses through the GoFundMe for Team Harry at [gofund.me/d2e12915](https://gofund.me/d2e12915).

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