

JAMES "JIM" HIGGINS



Of Beaver Falls, passed away at the age of 91, after a long and fulfilling life, on September 7, 2024.

Jim was born in Indianola, Pennsylvania, on May 23, 1933, to George and Blanche Higgins, where he grew up in a loving family with his brother, Bob. He graduated from Oakmont High School in 1951. A life-long educator, he earned his teaching degree from Slippery Rock College and his doctorate from the

University of Pittsburgh. He began his teaching career at his Alma mater, Oakmont High School, where he also coached football and basketball. He continued his career in education in the North Hills School district, where he served as superintendent until his retirement.

An avid sports fan, he was a Pirate season ticket holder for many years and never missed a Steelers game. He and his wife, Jean shared a love of traveling and made many trips together to beautiful places around the world. When not traveling they enjoyed entertaining family and friends at their home in Beaver Falls. His kind and loving spirit will be missed by all the many lives he touched.

He was predeceased by his wife of 38 years, Jean. He is survived by his children, Terri Kedzierski of Indianola, Scott Higgins of Peters Township; Jean's daughter, Frances Lagana of Worcester, Massachusetts, grandchildren Jeffrey (Jodi) Kedzierski, Eve Kedzierski, Cole Kedzierski, Samantha (Liam) Halferty, Alexander Higgins, Mathew Higgins; and great-grandsons, Owen and Niall.

Friends and family will be received on Monday, September 23, from 2-4 and 6-8 o'clock, at Oakmont Presbyterian Church, 415 Pennsylvania Avenue, (Fifth Street entrance) Oakmont, PA 15139. A Celebration of Life service will be followed by a luncheon at the church, on September 24, at 11 o'clock. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Salvation Army or Doctors Without Borders.

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