

## WILLIAM A. "BILL" KAMINSKI



Age 80, of Monroeville, died peacefully in his home and went into the arms of Jesus on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Vicki J. (Lock) Kaminski as well as his two sons, Matthew, 53, and Brian, 40. He was preceded in death by his parents William L. And Marie A. (Fitzsimmons) Kaminski.

His life was one spent in defense and service to others, especially children. He proudly served in the United States Air Force and was stationed at the Plattsburgh Air Force Base with the Strategic Air Command. Upon being honorably discharged from the Air Force, he embarked on an over 55-year career in law enforcement. He achieved the rank of Detective within the Monroeville Police Department while also being a pioneer in the narcotics division as the first undercover police officer in the department. After "retiring" from Monroeville on the Fourth of July in 1994, he continued his work as an officer within the Kennywood Amusement Park family. This was when he would be affectionately known as "Chief" to the many officers he was proud to mentor as the Chief of the Idlewild Park Police Department for a decade.

Upon leaving Idlewild, his heart still was passionate about the protection of children. He founded the Background Investigations Unit with the Westmoreland County Children's Bureau, which was in charge of conducting investigations for applicants who wanted to foster children within the county and several neighboring ones.

Because of his passion for defending children, he requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to PreBorn, PO Box 78221, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

A viewing will be held Monday, September 16, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Murrysville Alliance Church in Murrysville, PA with a service following at 12 noon. Burial will be at Twin Valley Memorial Park in Delmont, PA. Arrangements entrusted to **GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL, INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE.** Condolences may be made at:

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