## **JOSEPH D. WALTERS**



Age 85 of Estero, Florida (formerly Peters Twp., PA) peacefully passed away September 5, 2024, in Pittsburgh.

Joe was born October 4, 1938, in Painesville, Ohio and grew up in Fairport Harbor, Ohio. Son of the late Joseph L. and Midge (Pozak) Walters. He is survived by his soul mate and wife of 22 years Jan Walters; beloved stepchildren Keith (Danielle) Lejeune of Export, PA and Kelly (Chad)

Marino from McKeesport, PA. Loving grandchildren Marissá (Anthony) Achille, Vinny Marino and Elle LeJeune. Beloved siblings, brothers Wayne (Rena) Walters of Knoxville, TN, Bob Walters (late Ruth) of Baldwin, PA, Jimmy (Susie) Walters of Painesville, OH, and sister Cherie (and his fur niece, Mia) Walters of Ft. Myers, FL, nephews, Mitch, Russ, Bobby and their families.

Joe graduated from Fairport Harding Hight School in Fairport, Ohio, where later was inducted into his High School Hall of Fame. He was a deckhand on the Great Lakes, served in the National Guard, attended Bowling Green State University. His proudest business accomplishment was being owner of the business he started in Pittsburgh, Joseph D. Walters Agency, Inc. His niche was insuring high-pressure power washers across the country in 48 states. Joe also co-founded 2 organizations for Power Washers, PWNA & UAMCC.

Besides his career, Joe was very active in his community as President of South Hills & Bethel Park Chamber of Commerce, Chief Barker for The Variety Club (Largest Children's Charity Organization.) He co-hosted telethons with Bob Prince for the Charity. He loved to golf and play bocce, especially bocce, with his team (The Nomads) at his home in Spring Run where they came in first place for many consecutive years. He was very competitive in everything he did, from playing cards in the kitchen to the final putt in a golf match. Winning meant everything to Joe, hence his success. But the time he loved the most was being around his family.

Above everything, Joe will be remembered for his love of family and the sense of pride he held from coming from the small town of Fairport Harbor; also as being a "talker," making new friends and leaving an impact on whomever he struck up conversation with. He had a compliment for everyone and said "it doesn't cost anything to say something nice to someone." He could make you feel like a million bucks!

Celebration of life will be held for Joe at a later date in Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Joseph D. Walters to Alzheimer's Assoc. (act.alz.org) or Variety the Children's Charity (varietypittsburgh.org/donate) use email: janwalters1970@gmail.com.

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