

JOSEPH FRANCIS McNERNEY



Joseph Francis McNerney, age 95, of Ingram, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 12, 2024. He was born July 3, 1929, in Youngstown Ohio. Growing up during the depression Joe's earliest memories were of bread cube cereal, playing kick the can, and scalping himself on the fender of a car while sledding. (He recalled the 48 stitches and his aunts using coffee ground poultices on the wound.) "Mac" as he

was called as a kid attended St Joe's Catholic school until transferring to McKees Rocks High School where he was a sprinter for the track team and played trombone in the band. Joe also enjoyed playing disc jockey for school dances, performing in plays, and spending time with classmates at Ted's Dairy Store. Joseph met his future wife Elsie Mae Brown on July 6, 1947, in Henrys Bend, Pa. After being vetted for his ability to slaughter a chicken, and multiple visits to St Francis nursing school, the two were married in Nov of 1951 at St Stephen's Church in Oil City. Their relationship was progressive for the time, and Joseph was proud of his wife's career in nursing. Joe and Elsie went on to have five children Linda (McNerney) Stahle, James McNerney, Kathleen (McNerney) Lewandowski, Jeffrey McNerney (d. 1977), and Eileen (McNerney). In their later years Joseph and Elsie enjoyed traveling Europe, concerts at Heinz Hall, Phipps Conservatory, and time with their grandchildren and great grandchildren. They leave six grandchildren including: Elizabeth Simon-Lewis, Joseph Stahle, Colleen Lewandowski, Jeffrey Rowe, Maureen Lewandowski, and Tyler Rowe. Great grandchildren include Elliott Lewis, Dean Stahle, Jeffrey Rowe, April Stahle, and Jaxon Rowe. Joseph McNerney's legacy is one of positivity and warmth. He truly saw the good in everyone and accepted everyone without judgment. Toward the end of his life, he frequently expressed a sense of satisfaction for a life well lived. He would remark, "What a life!" And speak with gratitude and wonder at the things he got to do, the family he created with Elsie, and even the places he was able to visit in Ireland, England, France and Belgium. When asked who he would want to be with, he always said Elsie. So, though he will be missed there is comfort in knowing Joe and Elsie will now watch over us together. Relatives and friends received Monday, September 16, 2024, from 6 - 8 PM at **SCHEPNER-McDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 165 Noble Avenue, Pittsburgh (Crafton) PA 15205. Funeral prayer Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 9 AM at the funeral home followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM in St. Philip Parish, Ascension Church, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

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