

DR. JUDSON HARDY, JR.



Age 92, of Bethel Park, PA, passed away September 13, 2024. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 62 years, Dorris. He is survived by son, Chris (Hilda); daughters, Janet (Colonel) and Nancy; grandchildren, Judson (Katie), Jessica (Eric), Tyler (Kristin) and Cody; and seven great-grandchildren. Jud was born November 8, 1931, in New Orleans, LA, the oldest son of Helena Marie Chalaron and Charles Judson Hardy. The

family moved to the Washington, D.C., area in 1941. He graduated from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School in 1949. He studied physics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While there, he was awarded the Archibald Henderson Medal for excellence in mathematics and was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. He graduated as valedictorian of his class in 1952. He went on to pursue his PhD in Nuclear Physics at Princeton University. At a Valentine's Day dance in 1953, he met the love of his life, Dorris Montgomery, and the two were married a year later. After earning his doctorate in 1958, Jud moved his young family to Pittsburgh, PA, to start his career at the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory, where he helped develop nuclear propulsion technology for the U.S. Navy. He worked there until he retired in 1990. His life was filled with art and music. He painted watercolors and found his inspiration in Pittsburgh, its industry, infrastructure and surrounding areas. He taught himself to read music as a young adult and loved to try out different musical instruments such as piano, harpsichord, recorder, flute and banjo. He was a long-term choir member at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and sang with the Pittsburgh Oratorio Society. Upon retirement, he and Dorris traveled extensively, seeing much of the world. A celebration of his life will be held November 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1066 Washington Rd., Pgh., PA 15228.

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