

PETER J. PONNE

Peter J. Ponne, born on April 5, 1951, in Chicago, IL, and raised in Pittsburgh, PA, passed away on September 18, 2024, surrounded by family. A devoted husband to Leslie Campbell, loving father to Brian and Greg and stepfather to Laura Shahim and Matt Campbell. Peter also leaves behind a loving sister, Katie Reardon of Pittsburgh.

He was the proud grandfather of 11 grandchildren: Jackson, Ellie, Charlie, Maya, Layla, Lennyn, Cece, Talla, Brooks, Gia, and Vivian who affectionately referred to him as Petey-Pop. Peter was also a doting father to fur-child, Gracie. Peter's life was filled with laughter, kindness, and an unwavering commitment to his family.

A passionate sports enthusiast, Peter loved watching, coaching, and talking about sports. Whether cheering for his favorite teams or teaching the next generation, his enthusiasm for athletics was infectious. He found joy in the camaraderie of sports and cherished the connections it fostered.

A loyal friend to many, his infectious spirit and genuine warmth earned him the nickname "the Mayor," as he attracted friends wherever he went. Peter leaves behind a legacy of love and connection.

Peter's love for Pittsburgh was a defining aspect of his character; you could take the man out of Pittsburgh, but you could never take Pittsburgh out of the man. Peter loved to regale family and friends with stories of his adventures at Central Catholic High School and John Carroll University (the "Harvard of the Midwest").

Professionally, Peter helped to make affordable housing happen in his job at SunTrust. Peter also volunteered his time and expertise to the ACDS Board of Directors and to the Housing Commission. Peter was deeply involved with the Annapolis Boys and Girls Club, even serving as president for a time.

Peter's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. A celebration of his life will be held at his home at 703 Reading Circle, Phoenixville, PA on October 19. Friends and family are welcome anytime between 1-4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Annapolis Boys and Girls Club or the Michael J. Fox Foundation in his honor.

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