

## JOHN G. "BUNNY" EBNER



Age 92, of Millvale, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Thursday, October 24, 2024. He was born on May 5, 1932, in Pittsburgh to the late John L. and Helen (Kraft) Ebner.

A proud graduate of North Catholic High School, John excelled in basketball, baseball, and academics. He began his studies at Duquesne University, where he spent two years before his education was interrupted by

his decision to enlist to serve his country in the Korean War. After completing his military duty, he returned to Duquesne to finish his degree. Building on this foundation, he continued to pursue higher education and went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He married the love of his life, Marian Nickel, in 1959, and together they raised four children.

John had a distinguished career as the Comptroller and Assistant Treasurer in the Executive Finance Office at the University of Pittsburgh, where he worked for 34 years before retiring in 1993. In the following 32 years, he cherished spending time with his wife and grandchildren, often taking them on many field trips throughout the Pittsburgh area, creating lasting memories together.

An avid golfer and bowler, Bunny was known for his impressive skills in duckpin bowling, once achieving a remarkable 299, earning him a spot in the local newspaper. He was also a passionate reader, visiting the Shaler North Hills Library weekly, where he was on a first-name basis with the staff. Additionally, John was a devoted supporter of all cultural events and Pittsburgh sports teams and enjoyed watching every game with his wife.

John was a man of few words, but when he spoke, everyone listened. He exemplified integrity and was a dedicated hard worker. His determination was evident in all aspects of life, even retaking his driver's test at age 90 to maintain his independence.

John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Helen Ebner; his brother, Regis Ebner; and two best friends who were like brothers to him, Larry Lunardini and Vince LiVolsi. He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Marian; daughter, Beth Dancek (Tim Beck); son, Don Ebner (Chanda Woodhead); daughter, Janet Parks (Bill Pfeil) (Barry Parks); and son, Michael Ebner (Janet). He is also survived by four grandchildren: Jaclyn Dancek (Alex Arnold), Rachel Dancek (Cody Allred), Dr. Hannah Parks, and Barry Parks (Cait); great-grandson, Nash Arnold; as well as many in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

John will be remembered for his sense of humor and quick wit. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Visitation will be on Monday, October 28, 2024, from 2 to 8 PM at **NEELY FUNERAL HOME**, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd. in Shaler Township.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday at 10 AM at St. Matthew Parish, Holy Spirit Church in Millvale. Everyone Please Meet At Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Shaler North Hills Library, Make-A-Wish Foundation, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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