

## JOSEPH J. DOMBROSKY, JR.



Joseph J. Dombrosky, Jr., age 93, fondly known as Big Joe, passed away peacefully at home on October 27, 2024. He was born on September 13, 1931. Joe's life was a testament to his dedication to faith, family, and public service.

Joe was a proud 1949 graduate of Turtle Creek High School and a 1953 graduate of the University of Notre Dame where he was a member of the basketball team. Joe's love for Notre Dame was eclipsed only by his love for his family and his beloved wife of 69 years, the late Elizabeth "Betty" (Miller) Dombrosky, who died on March 3 of this year, and with whom he shared a life full of love and laughter.

The patriarch of a loving family, Joe is survived by his devoted children: Joseph (Marlene) Dombrosky of Utah, David (Jeanne) Dombrosky of Ohio, Mary Beth (Randal) Grether of Ohio, John Dombrosky of Ohio, Lisa (Joe) McCann of Wilkins Twp., and Patrice (Steve) Ferlan of Ligonier, and 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Joe was preceded in death by his sister, Jane (late Edwin) Brosius.

Joe served in the Army during the Korean War. After the Army, Joe had a 39-year career with USSteel and retired as a Supervisor from the Irvin Works. Joe's professional life was marked by his 20-year tenure in the political limelight as an elected Commissioner at the local level in Wilkins Township as well as the regional and state level.

Joe served as cub scout leader and Parish Council member at his life-long parish of St. Colman and 40 years on the board for the Mon Valley Human Service Center. Joe was an avid and competitive pinochle player, and enjoyed the camaraderie of others while sharing a cold Stoney's beer with laughter and storytelling.

Friends are welcome on Friday from 4-8 PM at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC., TURTLE CREEK / MONROEVILLE CHAPEL**, 1111 Monroeville Ave., Turtle Creek, 412-823-9350. A rosary will be prayed at 6 PM at the funeral home. Friends are also welcome Saturday morning from 9-9:30 AM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in St. Colman Church, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, on Saturday at 10 AM.

Joe will be laid to rest next to Betty in Good Shepherd Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Abode for Children, 230 E Main St., Evans City, PA 16033 which was also mom's passion. <https://abodeforchildren.org/>.

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