

## A. DENNIS MUIA



Albert Dennis Muia, 81, of Sewickley, PA, passed away peacefully on November 19, 2024, at 11:56 p.m., after courageously living with cancer for over 30 years. Dennis was born and raised in Castle Shannon, PA, and spent his life embodying hard work, strength, and love for his family.

Dennis shared a beautiful 53 year marriage with his loving wife, Tina (Costanzo) Muia. Together, they raised two daughters, Rebecca and Elizabeth (Richard Durnan) Muia. After many years in Upper St. Clair, Dennis and Tina built their dream home in Ligonier, where they enjoyed the tranquility of country living and created many cherished memories.

Dennis is also survived by his brother, Carl (Charlotte) Muia; his brothers-in-law, August Costanzo and Ron Kust; his sister-in-law, Marina Catanese; and many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Filomina Muia; and his sister, Geraldine (Angelo) Muia-Furguiele.

From a young age, Dennis exhibited a remarkable work ethic. He began working at just 9 years old, selling newspapers and shining shoes, laying the foundation for a lifelong commitment to diligence and perseverance. His dedication and entrepreneurial spirit ultimately led him to become the President and Owner of Muia Financial Corporation, a business he proudly ran for more than 48 years, retiring only at the age of 80.

In his early career, Dennis found joy in aviation. He was a private flight instructor and later became a commercial pilot for Allegheny Airlines. Dennis cherished the skies, and the thrill of flying. A cherished memory from his early years with Tina was flying her to Cleveland, Ohio, on their second date, a gesture that perfectly captured his romantic heart and deep affection.

After relocating to Ligonier, Dennis found peace in his new surroundings, and immersed himself in hobbies that brought him contentment. Woodworking, fly fishing, playing with his dogs, and riding his tractor became sources of relaxation and contentment. Above all, Dennis's greatest pride was in caring for his family, a role he cherished deeply throughout his life.

Dennis will be remembered for his unwavering optimism, strength, courage, and his deep love for his family. His enduring legacy of hard work, kindness, and dedication will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be dearly missed.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Masonic Village of Sewickley, in the Assembly Room, on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 2:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Good Samaritan Hospice at <https://concordialm.org/donate/> or to the Hillman Cancer Center at <https://hillman.upmc.com/difference/supporting/make-a-gift>.

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