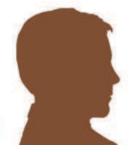# HOWARD JOHN ODENTHAL

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Howard J. "Buck" Odenthal, 81, of West Mifflin announce his passing on November 26, 2024. Buck passed peacefully, after several weeks in ICU, surrounded by his wife of 55 years, Karen (Kubancsek); daughter, Jennifer Varga; son, Jeffrey Odenthal; and cherished grandchildren, Zach (Katie) Varga, Lexi (Ian) Kessler and Alex Odenthal. Buck was also survived by his brother, Mark (Lori) Odenthal of Shippenville; three precious great-granddaughters, Quinn and Mina Kessler and Zoe Varga; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and good friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Anna Odenthal; and sister Jacque Odenthal.

Buck was a graduate of McKeesport High School. He then served in the US Army as a personnel specialist. Upon discharge from the Army, Buck worked for Mellon Bank as a systems analyst for 35 years, retiring as a Vice President in Data Security. Buck enjoyed all Pittsburgh sports teams, especially the Pittsburgh Steelers. He was a Steelers season ticket holder for 60 years.

In his free time, Buck was a youth football coach for many years, coaching both his son Jeff and grandson Zach and countless other young athletes. Affectionately known as Coach Buck by his players. In later years, Buck spent a majority of his free time watching his grandchildren play sports - wrestling, football, softball and baseball - traveling near and far, and never missing a game or match. Buck also enjoyed monthly lunches with his Mellon Bank co-workers, playing cards with friends and afternoons talking politics at the Thompson Club.

Buck was a man of his word to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He would do anything for anyone and was never one to complain. He died as he lived - with dignity. He will be greatly missed by those who loved him.

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