

# DENNIS JOSEPH MARSHALL



Dennis Joseph Marshall, age 76, died on October 30, 2024, in Pittsburgh, PA, due to complications from diabetes.

Dennis was born in Pittsburgh on April 22, 1948, the second of five children, to Frank and Vera Marshall. He spent his childhood in the Elliott neighborhood west of the city center. He attended St. James school and Canevin high school before joining the U.S. Navy. Dennis subsequently spent several years in New

Orleans, LA followed by a time in Lexington, KY, where he earned a bachelor's degree in architecture at the University of Kentucky. He then joined the faculty of Purdue in Fort Wayne, IN where he stayed until 2019, when he moved back to Pittsburgh due to declining health. Dennis remained at home for his final weeks with assistance from his personal care providers Jenny Howard and Lezlee Hunter, family members, and hospice.

Dennis is survived by his sister, Maureen Plazinski; sister, Melanie Marshall; brother, Sean Marshall; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Mike Marshall.

Dennis was a good son, brother, uncle, cousin, professor, and friend. His wish was to donate his body to scientific research; therefore, there will be no immediate service. A memorial wake in late July 2025 is planned.

If you would like to make a donation in his memory, please consider two of his favorite charities: Doctors Without Borders, USA, or Heifer International.

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