

JAMES R. ZACK JR.



James R. Zack Jr., husband, father, electrical engineer, pilot, teacher, and so much more, passed away on December 11, 2024, at the age of 92. To say he lived a productive life is an understatement. From his days wiring houses as a teenager, to his time working with Tesla coils in a lab, to his service as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Airforce Reserves, to his 23 years working with IBM

creating and innovating all manner of new technology, to his 20 years teaching students how to fix the electronics in airplanes at the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, the University of Pittsburgh graduate was never without a fascinating form of employment, until he finally retired at the age of 85.

But he was much more than the many jobs he held. He was also a beloved son to the late James R. Zack Sr. and Marion Lehman Zack, who were both very proud of him. He was a much loved brother to the late William Zack; and an adored uncle to William's son, the late Jimmy Zack and William's daughter, Carol Zack Newbold (Charles Newbold). He leaves behind his devoted wife of 44 years, Valerie Hale Zack, who loves him so much that she dedicated everything she had to making sure he was able to remain comfortably in his own home as his health declined. He also leaves behind his beloved son, Thomas Zack, of whom he was unfathomably proud; his beloved daughter-in-law, Ashlee Zack (wife of Thomas), whom he adored; and his beloved daughter, Kimberly Zack, in whom he sparked an unparalleled sense of adventure.

While 92 years may seem like a long time, when losing a man of James' caliber, a million years would never feel like enough. He will be deeply missed for as long as those who knew him live. Arrangements by **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, LTD.**, Bakerstown.

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