

DONALD H. LANDIS

Donald H. Landis, 95, of Englewood, FL (formerly of Pittsburgh), passed away on Monday, December 2, 2024, in Venice Health and Rehabilitation Center. Donald was born on October 31, 1929, in Pittsburgh, the son of Samuel and Blanche Labovitz. He was a proud graduate of Taylor Allderdice High School in Squirrel Hill, and of The University of Pittsburgh School of Engineering. He became a Professional Engineer and a Fellow of the Society Civil Engineers. He was a lifelong member of Temple Sinai Pittsburgh.

In 1968, he opened a steel-deck manufacturing company, Epic Metals Corporation in Rankin, PA. He was the inventor of several innovative designs, that he patented. Donald was twice the President of the Steel Deck Institute, the industry association of steel deck manufacturers that was founded in 1939.

Throughout his long life, Donald loved dogs, new technology, reading books, spending time with family and friends, listening to classical music and Dixieland Jazz, boating and sailing, playing racquetball, swimming, collecting classic cars, flying in his airplane, traveling the world, and of course rooting for the Steelers and Pirates. He was a philanthropist, who valued education and community, and he donated to countless charities over the years. He was a Freemason and Rotarian. In 1991, he established the Landis Lectureship at The University of Pittsburgh School of Engineering, which welcomes world-class structural engineers to come and present relevant lectures.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law, Florence/Mike Leebov; and his first wife, Esther Landis.

Donald is survived by his wife of 37 years, Janet (Leah) Landis; son, Laurence (Sophia) Landis of Southwest Ranches, FL; son, David (Mary) Landis of Murrysville; stepson, Joseph (Claudia) Leah of Naples, FL; stepdaughter, Jill Leah of Englewood, FL; nine grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

A memorial service and burial at Temple Sinai Memorial Park is being planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to, the Braddock Carnegie Library P.O. Box G Braddock, PA 15104.

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