

WILLIAM J. "BILL" BARNES



Age 96, of Mt. Lebanon, PA died peacefully on December 13, 2024. He was born May 14, 1928, in Pittsburgh, PA (Regent Square) to the late Alphonsus and Edith (Wahl) Barnes.

Bill was a graduate of Central Catholic High School, University of Pittsburgh undergraduate, and University of Pittsburgh Medical School (Ophthalmology).

Bill was a veteran of the United States Air Force. While deployed on active duty, he was stationed in Japan as a Flight Surgeon for two years during the Korean War. Soon thereafter, Bill opened his own medical practice as an Ophthalmologist in Oakland and remained with his practice until his retirement in 1990. He always created and developed relationships with his patients, many of whom were generational. He truly enjoyed the problem-solving nature of his specialty.

During his working years and into retirement, the outdoors and travel were important to Bill. He traveled to all 50 states in the U.S., six continents, and over 100 countries. His other activities included annual fishing trips to Canada (Blue Mountain Lodge) with his four sons, boating on Pittsburgh's three rivers, competitive skeet and trap shooting, and traveling to the East Coast of Florida for 36 years with his wife, Marikate, during the winter months.

He served as commissioner of O'Hara Township for two terms and was a longtime member of the Pittsburgh Field Club, Allegheny County Medical Society, Library Sportsmen Club, Golden Triangle Skeet League, and Sewickly Heights Gun Club.

Bill was a life-long, die-hard fan of his Pittsburgh Panthers and Pittsburgh Steelers. He held Panthers season tickets for over 20 years and Steelers season tickets for 57 years.

Bill is survived by his wife of 35 years, Marikate; his sons, William J. "Jay" Barnes, Douglas (Cathy) Barnes of Alpharetta, GA, Winston (Sandra) Barnes of Mill Valley, CA, Andrew (Deborah Wachs) Barnes of Menlo Park, CA; and his stepdaughter, Shawna M. Kramer of Pittsburgh, PA; his grandchildren, Clara Barnes, Amanda Barnes Abbott, Andrew (Wesley) Barnes, Kira Barnes, Mia Barnes, Skyler Barnes, Britton Barnes; and his great-grandchildren, Malia and Tate Abbott.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his grandson, Nicholas Barnes; his sisters; Barbara (Barnes) Grebosky and Lois Barnes; and his brothers, Alphonsus "Bud" Barnes, Jr. and Robert W. Barnes.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. There will not be a viewing.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation or your favorite charity.

Arrangements entrusted to **BALL FUNERAL CHAPEL, INC.**

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