

JOSEPH M. KARCHER



Age 81, of Baldwin, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, with his family by his side.

Beloved husband of Joanna (Pratt) Karcher; loving father of Janice (Paul) Sidun of Kent Island, MD and Karen Karcher of Virginia Beach, VA; "Bamps" to Nicholas (Tabitha) Sidun of Tallahassee, FL, Melissa Sidun of Sterling, VA, Matthew Sidun of Pittsburgh, Christopher Sidun of Kent Island, MD, Victoria Karcher-

Garneau and Alexander Karcher-Garneau of Virginia Beach, VA; brother of Gertrude Foster; predeceased by his parents, Josef and Katherine (Bauer) Karcher. Also survived by nieces, nephews and godchildren.

Joe enjoyed many activities. He was an Eagle Scout, gardener, camper, baker and a fisherman. He enjoyed attending the activities of all his grandchildren and cheering them on. Joe was a lifetime member of the Teutonia Männerchor. He was a devout Christian and attended Athenaeum of Ohio Seminary and Duquesne University. Joe served as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector at Holy Angels Church. He was a (Greeter) Ticket Taker at PNC Park for 35 years and also worked at Heinz Field. Joe was a world traveler, having visited all 50 states and 98 countries over all seven continents. He was a Staff Sergeant in the Air Force Reserves and was an Outside Plant Engineer for Verizon (Bell of PA) for over 30 years. Joe had a love of animals, especially his current best friend, Alaskan Husky, Denali.

Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227, on Thursday, December 26, 2024, from 2-8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial in Blessed Trinity Parish, Holy Angels Church on Friday, December 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone please meet at church. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to an animal rescue of your choice. Please send condolences to

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