

JOHN PERSHING MORRIS JR.



John Pershing Morris Jr., born June 3, 1944, passed away peacefully on January 11, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Austin, TX, to the late John Pershing Morris, Sr. and Sarah "Ann" Flinn Morris while his father was stationed in Austin with the Army Air Corps. A long-time resident of Hampton Township in Allison Park, PA, John also cherished his winters in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. He was the

devoted husband of Roseann "Roe" Price Morris for sixty wonderful years.

John was the beloved brother of Thomas Flinn Morris (Linda), Michael Morris (Jeanine), and Timothy Morris (Erin); and brother-in-law of James Price. He was a proud father to Mary Perrotti (John), Christine Rick (John), John Pershing Morris III (Beth), and Kathryn Sperdute (Steve). He was an adored Pap to his grandchildren, Anna Perrotti Ziemniak (Dan), Colleen Rick Parkey (Cody), Jake Perrotti, Maggie Rick, Abigail Morris, Sarah Rick, Emily Morris, John Pershing Morris IV, Libby, Charlie and Crew Sperdute. He was also a cherished Great-Pap to Easton, Kennedy, and John Douglas (J.D.) Parkey, and George Ziemniak. John was a treasured uncle to his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; as well as his many cousins.

John dedicated over 60 years of his life to the family business, J.J. Morris & Sons, a respected interior finishing contractor founded by his grandfather over 109 years ago. He served as a Trustee for Carpenters Health & Welfare, and was a long-standing member of the Pennsylvania Builders Exchange, with service on the board of directors including time as President where he contributed his expertise and leadership.

A proud graduate of Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, John was a two-sport athlete, with a particular passion for baseball. His love for sports continued into adulthood, playing for St. John's baseball team in Bloomfield, and football with the Millvale Indians. Like all Pittsburghers, he was a loyal Steelers, Pirates and Penguins fan. Some of his grandchildren's favorite memories are of attending games with their Pap.

John's passion for sports extended to his children and grandchildren, and he dedicated many years coaching with the Hampton Athletic Association and St. Ursula's CYO. He could often be found in the stands cheering on his children and grandchildren, with post-game encouragement a certainty.

An avid golfer, John was a member of Wildwood Country Club in Allison Park, and Eastpointe Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens, where he and Roe created countless memories with friends. He always accepted the challenge of a difficult fairway (and friendly wager) with his unique south-paw swing. But most of all, John cherished spending time with family and friends, and he truly loved a great party.

John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ann Morris; Roe's parents, John and Anna Mae Price; his brother, Tom Morris; and granddaughter, Maggie Rick.

His Roman Catholic faith was a cornerstone of his life, and he was a devoted member of both St. Ursula's and St. Catherine of Sweden Catholic Churches.

John will be deeply missed by his family and friends. His legacy of love, faith, and community service will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

In lieu of flowers, please make a gift to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of North Florida, www.lls.org/donate in memory of Maggie Rick.

John's family will welcome friends on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., at **KING FUNERAL HOME**, 2841 Woodland Circle, Allison Park, PA 15101.

Mass of Christian burial will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Catherine of Sweden-Saints Martha and Mary Parish, 2554 Wildwood Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101. Please meet at the church.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared with John's family at www.kingfuneralhome.com.

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