

RAYMOND R. BASTON



Raymond R. Baston, 69, of North Huntingdon, went home to heaven on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at home surrounded by his loving family after a brief but difficult battle with cancer. He was born as Richard Reimund on October 10, 1955, in Zweibruecken, Germany, and immigrated to the U.S. at 16 years old, speaking almost no English. He moved to Export, PA, next door to a family whose youngest daughter

would later become his wife. Ray was a network administrator for Mitsubishi Chemical Advanced Materials in Delmont, and a member of Community United Methodist Church, Harrison City. Throughout this life, he was an avid camper and hiker. He loved taking care of his home and property, and could fix or build almost anything. Ray and his wife spent much of their life outdoors, and as empty-nesters, they took their trailer all across the country and back, camping more weekends than they were at home in the summer. Ray loved his family more than anything. He was a wise and loving husband, a funny and brilliant dad, and a playful, gentle Opa. He is survived by his wife of over 46 years, Barbara J. (Emanuel) Baston; daughter, Nicole Balzer and husband, Nicholas of Beaver Falls; and daughter, Kimberly Baston Jacaszek and husband, Evan of North Huntingdon; his grandchildren, Gabriel and Noah Balzer; half-siblings, Janet Lyons and Gene Lyons, both of Canada; nieces and nephews; including Laura Hitchen and family, Alan Rich, and Eric Colamarino; as well as many loving in-laws. He was preceded in death by his mother, Hannalore Baston; aunts, uncles; and his grandmother; and half-siblings, Susan Colamarino and Robert Lyons. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., on Sunday, January 26, 2025, at the **WILLIAM SNYDER FUNERAL HOME**, 521 Main St., Irwin, where a funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, January 27, 2025, with Pastor Seth McPherson, officiating. Interment will follow in Union Cemetery on Pennsylvania Avenue in Irwin. For online condolences please visit

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