

# GEORGE WALTER "BIG GEORGE" ROESCHENTHALER



Of Whitehall Borough, passed unexpectedly on Sunday, February 2, 2025.

Big George was a man who embraced life, finding his greatest pleasure in the little things and his family. An adoring husband to his wife, Darlene, George embraced each day they shared, which included laughter from moments that most overlook. The son of Paul and Anne Roesenthaler; brother to Ralph, Paul, Ted, Rich and

William, all of whom predeceased him; loving father to Denise Ignasky (wife of Al Ignasky), George Roesenthaler (husband of Shelly Roesenthaler), and Michael Roesenthaler (husband of Tina Roesenthaler); cherished grandfather to Jeff Hoffman, Chelsea Meyers, Albert Ignasky, Andrew Ignasky, Paige Roesenthaler, Julia Roesenthaler, and Reese Roesenthaler; and a truly great great-grandfather to Nora Meyers and Benjamin Hoffman. George found joy from the lives of those he loved.

The outreach among his friends and family and the shared moments is what brought him joy, and when his giant hands were not holding a cigar, they were always open figuratively and literally to everyone around him. Having served 34 years with the Pittsburgh Police and before that with the Army National Guard, Big George spent his life selflessly caring for others (including, in particular, his rotund, ice cream-loving dog, Bridgette). Impassioned by life and learning, Big George loved to travel, was an avid reader and enjoyed solving puzzles, but his unwavering devotion to those he loved is easily the most notable and consequential characteristic. A gentle giant, Big George left us too early, but the foundation that he left (often embodied in his wise sayings) remains for the generations that survive him.

Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227, on Friday, February 7, 2025, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, at 11:00 a.m., in the funeral home Chapel. As Big George would have wanted, in lieu of flowers, his family asks that friends and family contribute time, patience, and love to their children. His passing should be that of the torch that made him the man so loved by many. Please send condolences to

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