

ROBERT A. MELAGO



Robert A. Melago, 85, died surrounded by family on February 6, 2025, at Concordia of Cranberry. Bob, who was known as Spike, was a devoted father and grandfather, an inspiring educator and accomplished athlete. He touched many lives in the classroom and beyond, and he showed remarkable bravery and humor following a stroke at age 39. Bob was born February 19, 1939, in

Greensburg, PA, the son of the late John E. and Anne (Lukan) Melago. He attended St. Benedict Elementary School and was a 1957 graduate of Greensburg Salem High School, where he was a two-year letterman in both football and basketball. In 1956, he was selected to participate in the Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph Hearst All Star baseball game at the old Forbes Field. He graduated from Juniata College in 1961 with a B.S. in mathematics and was a four-year letterwinner in both football and baseball. He also played basketball for one year there. Bob received a master's of education degree from IUP in 1965, and had done graduate work in mathematics at Duquesne University, Penn State University and Baldwin Wallace College. He began his teaching and coaching career in 1961 in East McKeesport, PA. For the next nine years, he taught mathematics and coached football at the Westinghouse Memorial High School in Wilmerding, PA. He also coached basketball there for two years and coached the Greensburg American Legion baseball team for one year. Bob returned to Greensburg Salem in 1969 to teach mathematics and computer science and serve as an assistant football coach. In 1972, he was named Athletic Director at Greensburg Salem, a position he would hold until his retirement in 2001. He was past president of the Foothills Football Conference, Keystone Conference, and Westmoreland County Coaches Association. He served as director of the WCCA for three years. Bob was Catholic by faith and served as president of the first St. Bede Church Council, and served one term on the council at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Church in Greensburg. He was a lector at Blessed Sacrament for 20 years. After his retirement, Bob enjoyed traveling, attending sporting events, and spending time with his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Linda (Wilson) Melago of Gibsonia; his son, Tim Melago; and daughter-in-law, Kathy (Cameron) of Cranberry; his daughter, Carolyn (Carrie) Melago and her husband, Jonathan Lemire of Brooklyn; his grandsons, Beckett and Flynn Lemire; a sister, Nancy Best and husband, John, of Greensburg; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Eugene J. Melago; and two sisters, Phyllis A. Steeley and Elizabeth F. Parfitt. A private viewing will be held at **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME**, in Bakerstown. A funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Church in Greensburg. The family would like to thank the staff of Concordia of Cranberry and ask that donations be made there in Bob's honor.

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