

WILFRED THOMAS ROULEAU



Wilfred Thomas Rouleau, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Wil, age 95, was born in Quincy, Massachusetts, and was the son of the late Wilfred and Sarah Rouleau. Wil met the love of his life, Ruth, as students at Carnegie Tech. They were married in 1954 at the Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill by the Reverend Hugh S. Clark.

Wil is survived by his wife, Ruth Rouleau; son, Richard Rouleau and wife Susan of Beaverton, OR, son, Keith Rouleau and wife Elizabeth of Clifton, VA; and grandchildren, Stephen, Michael, Ryan, Katherine, and Patrick.

Wil graduated from Quincy High School in 1947 and after being awarded the Westinghouse scholarship, he attended Carnegie Institute of Technology. Wil majored in Mechanical Engineering earning his Bachelor of Science in 1951, Master of Science in 1952, and Doctor of Philosophy in 1954. He started his 45-plus year teaching career at Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1954 culminating as Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University upon his retirement. He was recognized for his outstanding engineering achievement via his appointment to Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 1994 and was an active member and contributor to the American Association of University Professors, Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Kappa Phi, and was a consultant to various industries and reviewer of numerous technical journals. Wil enjoyed providing coaching and guidance to his students and maintained life-long links to many of them as they progressed through their careers around the world.

Wil loved the outdoors and spent considerable time planning the yearly family camping, hiking, and backpacking trips to the Adirondack mountains. He was a passionate photographer and could always be counted on to ask his family and friends to "just stay still for a minute" as he took thousands of pictures over the years.

Wil supported the youth of Edgewood through his decades of participation in Boy Scout Troop 23 beginning in 1969. Wil served in a multitude of roles including assistant scoutmaster, scoutmaster, committee member, and Troop photographer. He especially enjoyed helping and guiding the troop through their outdoor activities including hiking, camping, and summer camp. Dr. Rouleau was known for always wearing his "campaign hat" and always knowing how to tie the perfect knot and choose and utilize the right tool for the job.

Wil was a devoted student of history and was actively engaged in preserving the Fort Pitt Music Bastion and the bow ornament from the USS Pennsylvania that was integrated into the architecture of Hamerschlag Hall at Carnegie Mellon University.

Wil and Ruth have been members of the Church of Redeemer congregation for over 70 years and over that time Wil contributed to the Church in many meaningful ways including several terms as Church Warden and Treasurer.

A memorial and interment service will be held at the Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill, 5700 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217 on Saturday, March 1, 2025, starting at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of Wil to the Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill at the following link: Wil Rouleau Memorial Fund.

Memories may be posted to the following **THOMAS L. NIED FUNERAL HOME** website: www.niedfuneralhome.com.

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