

RICHARD "DICK" KOSCELNIK



A resident of Monroeville and The Villages, Florida, died peacefully on February 20, 2025.

He was preceded in death by his devoted wife, Patricia (Mesher) Koscelnik, with whom he shared a loving marriage of 55 years. Dick was born on January 29, 1932, in Erie, son of the late John P. Koscelnik and Julia (Hrivnyak) Koscelnik.

Dick attended Cathedral Prep in Erie, lettering for four years on the tennis and baseball teams. He received a full tennis scholarship to Duquesne University, where, along with his twin brother, Ed, he went undefeated in singles and doubles. Dick was a competitive tennis player throughout much of his life beyond college. Among his wins was the 1958 clay court singles championship at Frick Park; he was presented the trophy by then Pittsburgh Mayor, David L. Lawrence. Dick and his brother, Ed, were inducted into the Cathedral Prep Hall of Fame in 1994 and the Metro Erie Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. Dick proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War Era, stationed in Austria. After graduating Duquesne University with a degree in Business Administration, Dick spent much of his professional career as a salesman for Dillon Business Furniture in Pittsburgh, furnishing many offices in major law firms and the state and federal courts. He truly enjoyed his work, whistling on his way out the door in the morning and again when he arrived home at night. Dick had many good years of retirement with his wife, Pat. They spent winters in The Villages. He played golf almost every day and he enjoyed pinochle. He was always the first one on the dance floor. Dick was beloved by his family, neighbors and friends and a few canine companions. A man of deep faith, he was an active parishioner for 65 years at St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Monroeville.

Dick is survived by his four children, Jacqueline Koscelnik of McCandless, Carole (David) Raymond of Laurel, MD, Michael Koscelnik of Silver Spring, MD and Diane Koscelnik of Plum; as well as six grandchildren, Lauren (Chris) Teta, Natalie Raymond, Patrick (Lily) Raymond, Joseph Raymond, Julia Koscelnik and Alexandra Koscelnik. He is also survived by his brother, Thomas Koscelnik; sisters-in-law, Patricia Koscelnik and Barbara Mesher; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Joseph, Steve, John and Edward Koscelnik; and two sisters, Julia Koscelnik and Margaret Koscelnik Zaleski.

Arrangements entrusted to the **JOB FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC. (MONROEVILLE/PLUM CHAPEL)**, 445 Beatty Road, Monroeville, (412-856-4747). A memorial mass will be held Friday, February 28, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville. Inurnment will be private at Good Shepherd Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.jobfuneralhome.com

The family requests no flowers be sent to the church

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