

JOHN RONALD RUDA



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of John Ronald Ruda, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and respected business leader who departed this life on February 28, 2025, at the age of 83. Born June 28, 1941, John was the son of the late John and Anna (Leskowak) Ruda and grew up in the Lawrenceville neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania celebrating his Ukrainian heritage. He

graduated from Peabody High School in 1959 and attended the Carnegie Technical Schools for Art.

John married the love of his life, Mary Earla (Gibson), on June 3, 1967, and they settled in the Pittsburgh area. He worked at Steel City Products, an automotive parts and accessories wholesale distributor, for 38 years. Starting as a warehouse worker, John rose to the role of COO, CEO and President. He continued with various consulting and business ventures until his retirement in 2015.

John is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Mary Earla (Gibson). He was the loving father of Johnine Killeen (Daniel), Jonathan Ruda (Lee), and Jennifer Gerstner (Michael). Known as Poppy, he was a cherished grandfather to Devin and Delaney Killeen, John (Jack) and Sean Ruda, and Luke and Evelyn Gerstner. He is also survived by his sister Patricia Tamburri (David) and preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Robert Gibson, and his sister-in-law, Joyce Edwards. He was a loving uncle to many nieces and nephews.

John was a devoted family man and loved coaching his children's sports teams in softball and baseball. An avid Pittsburgh Pirates, Penguins, and Steelers fan, he was lucky to be in attendance for the Immaculate Reception. John had a true passion and talent for painting and art, loved dancing, and enjoyed playing golf. He cherished his memories of playing golf at Oakmont Country Club, Pebble Beach, and as a member of Diamond Run Golf Club. His favorite sayings were, "Enjoy life, it's a very special gift" and "Family Strong".

John's legacy of family and love will be forever etched in the hearts of those he touched. His dedication to his family, his passion for life, and his generosity will be remembered and cherished by all who knew him.

Family and friends are welcome on Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 9:00-10:50 AM at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME OF CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP**, 2678 Rochester Rd, Cranberry Township. A Blessing Service will be held at 11:00 AM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions made in John's name to a charitable organization of your choice.

Rest in peace, Johnny Ronnie. You will be forever missed and cherished in our hearts.

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