

MELVIN P. BICKEL



Melvin P Bickel (Red) of Mt. Lebanon, passed away peacefully at home on March 5, 2025, with his wife of 72 years, Maxine, and his daughter, Amy, at his side. A lifelong Pittsburgher, he was born on the Southside and moved with his family to Mt. Lebanon as a teen. He was a 1946 graduate of Mt. Lebanon High School, joining the Army immediately after graduation, and deployed with the 11th Airborne

division to Japan. After returning, he attended college, earning a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon).

Mel followed his father's footsteps and went to work at J&L Steel. After leaving J&L in the mid-1980s he worked for the Allegheny County Department of Aging before retiring. He volunteered in many capacities, including with the Mt. Lebanon Historical Society. A devout man, he was an active member of Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church for more than 60 years, serving as a Deacon, member of Session, an usher, and a greeter. Mel was also an ardent bowler, and as a member of the Beverly Heights Men's league rolled a perfect 300 game.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Bickel; daughters, Loretta (Rusty) McDonald (Dave), and Amy Peeler; son, Jeff Bickel (Kristen); granddaughters, Alyssa McDonald, Rachel Birge (Davin) and Maren Bickel; grandsons, Clayton Bickel, David and Michael Peeler; and five great-grandchildren: Roman, Breckin, Lennon, Blake and Quinn. Friends will be received at **LAUGHLIN CREMATION & FUNERAL TRIBUTES**, 222 Washington Rd., Mt. Lebanon, on Wednesday, from 4:00-7:00 PM. Service in the funeral home chapel on Thursday, at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Wounded Warrior Project, 875 Greentree Rd., Building 7 Suite 700, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

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