

## DAVID J. GIVENS



Age 84, died peacefully on Friday, March 14, at his home in McCandless, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer and kidney disease.

David retired in 2002 after 35 years teaching Physical Science at North Allegheny Intermediate High School. A North Allegheny Athletics Hall of Fame inductee and a former Teachers' Union president, David was known as "The Voice of NA" due to

his tireless advocacy for NA Tiger Athletics and his frequent public address announcing in the school and at sporting events.

Son of the late John W. Givens and Clara Speer; and younger brother of the late Jack (Jane) Givens. He was born and raised on the Northside of Pittsburgh, graduating from Perry High School and Washington and Jefferson College, before enlisting in the U.S. Army and serving as a First Officer in Vietnam. He later completed his Masters in Education at the University of Pittsburgh.

Throughout his life, David actively volunteered in his community and pursued opportunities to serve and give back to others. As a lector, his voice was heard during Mass at St. Alexis Parish for over 30 years. After retirement, David supported transportation services for the University of Pittsburgh. He also enjoyed his role as a defensive spotter for Pittsburgh Steelers home games. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, he took pride in creating an online channel of science lessons for his grandchildren called, "Science with Grampy."

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Donna Belo Givens; daughter, Lauren (Alex) Wood of San Diego, CA; son, Ryan (Heidi) Givens of Chicago, IL; four granddaughters (Bailey, Valerie, Olive, Athena); two grandsons (Hendrix, Rory); and sisters-in law, Diane (Peter) Wolfe and Jamie (Craig) Patrick.

Family and Friends will be received at **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME**, 7720 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, from 2-6 p.m., on Sunday, March 23. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Alexis Church (St. Aidan Parish), in Wexford, at 11 a.m., on Monday, March 24. The Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to support David J. Givens Memorial Scholarship for excellence in student-athletics at <https://bit.ly/NAFGivens>

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