

# ERIC JAMES HAINES



Eric James Haines, 69, of McCandless Township, died on March 23, 2025. The cause of death was pulmonary embolism that resulted in cardiac arrest. Eric was born in Charleroi on June 15, 1955, to Henry and Elaine Haines, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Beddow Gibson, and by his stepchildren, Sarah Gibson Boyle (Jeffrey) of McCandless and Adam Gibson (Stephanie) of

Nashville, TN. In addition, he is survived by two grandchildren, Emmett and Willa Boyle, whom he adored. Also surviving are his sister-in-law, Barbara Laslo; his niece, Jill Bauer, and her children, Andrew and Julia; and his niece, Lauren Whitman (Matt), as well as their children, Keira and Brooke. His cousins, Kim, Chris, John, and Kelly were dear to him.

Eric was educated at the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University, and in retirement, he worked for both alma maters as a standardized patient in their medical schools. Over the years, he worked for a variety of arts organizations and appeared in numerous commercials through the Daugherty Agency. For several years, he played the role of George Washington for Washington County, PA. A tenor, Eric sang in the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh and in the chorus of the Pittsburgh Opera for decades.

Eric loved opera and classical music, hard crossword puzzles, and being the sous chef in the family kitchen. Many thanks to the doctors, nurses, and staff of the CV-ICU at UPMC Passavant for the excellent and compassionate care he received. A celebration of life will be planned for a future date. The family suggests donations to the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale, Pittsburgh Opera, or the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh.

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