

JOHN A. YELICH

Age 93, of Bethel Park, passed away at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Bethel Park on November 18, 1931, to the late Anton and Veronica (Peltz) Yelich.

John married his loving wife, Mary Ann (Olivani) Yelich, who survives, at Saint Anne Church in 1957. Together they built a beautiful life and family over their 68 years of marriage.

He was the devoted father to his children, Sandra "Sandy" (Jeff) Bugher, Tammy A. (John) Margeson, and John M. Yelich. Loving grandfather to Jessica Margeson, Zach Yelich, Logan Yelich and Brad Bugher; and great-grandfather to Max and Raiya. Preceding him in death is a grandson, Adam Bugher; as well as two siblings, Joseph Yelich and Rose Chernuta.

Catholic by faith, he was devoted to his beliefs and attended St. Valentine Church – Our Lady of Hope Parish, where he was a 50-year member of the Men's Club.

John was a proud United States Navy Veteran, serving from 1949 until 1953 as a Hospital Corpsman Second Class. John was also a member of the VFW Post 764 which he joined in 1955 and was a life-time member.

John was employed as a mailman for the United States Postal Service for 31 years until his retirement.

He was known to be very active in the community and even won the title "Bethel Park Man of the Year," in 1983. John also enjoyed being a 73-year member of the Jugo Slav Club, a recreational soccer coach for 25 years and donating blood to save lives at the City Blood Bank which he did over 50 times. John also marched in the Memorial Day Parade for 52 years in honor of Korean War Veterans.

John will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. He was known to always serve and help others and that is how his legacy will be remembered.

Friends and Family will gather at **PAUL HENNEY CREMATION & FUNERAL TRIBUTES** in Bethel Park, on Friday, March 28, 2025, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at St. Valentine Church – Our Lady of Hope Parish, Bethel Park, on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 10 a.m.

Interment will follow at Jefferson Memorial Cemetery, where proper Military Honors will be accorded by the United States Navy and VFW Post 764 Honor Guard.

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