

CARMEN J. VILLELLA



Carmen J. Villella, 91, of Bethesda, Maryland, formerly of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away peacefully on February 25, 2025, after a short illness.

Born in Cosenza, Italy, on February 7, 1934, the son of the late Eugene and Adelina (Aceti) Villella, Carmen grew up in the Hazelwood section of Pittsburgh. He built a life defined by intellectual curiosity, dedication to service, and a love of interacting with people. He

earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1957 before serving in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959.

Carmen dedicated much of his career to public service, working for the National Imagery and Mapping Agency at the Department of Defense in Bethesda, Maryland, retiring in 1997. He was a passionate reader and a published author, having written numerous articles on outer space, as well as a science fiction novel entitled "The Pinprick."

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 48 years, Rose Jean (Veiga) Villella, and his brother, Dr. Edward Villella. He is survived by his brother, John Villella, as well as numerous nieces and nephews who will cherish his memory. Carmen will be remembered for his sharp mind, kindness, and unwavering dedication to his work and interests.

Interment at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring, Maryland, will take place in a private service at the convenience of the family.

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