



Howard H. LaFianza

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Howard H. LaFianza, age 89, passed away in the comfort of his home on Monday, January 27, 2025, just nine days following the passing of his beloved wife of 66 years, Rita. Howard was born in Pittsburgh on May 18, 1935, the son of the late Peter and Anna LaFianza.

After graduating from Central High School, Howard proudly served our country in the United States Navy for four years. He went on to enjoy a fulfilling career as a computer technician with IBM for over 50 years, where his expertise and dedication left a lasting impression. He received numerous service awards throughout his career which was an incredible honor within the company.

Outside of work, Howard loved fishing, bowling and was a talented woodworker. He was dedicated to his faith and volunteered as an usher at his church. Howard's volunteer work extended to dedicating his time to the hospital and U.S.S. New Jersey as well. He was a family man and found great joy in traveling with Rita, exploring new places and embarking on countless adventures by her side.

A devoted and loving father, Howard's legacy will live on through his beloved family: his son, James LaFianza and his wife, Karen Seitz-LaFianza; his daughter, Elizabeth O'Rorke and her husband, Michael; his cherished granddaughter, Teresa Jae O'Rorke. Howard is also survived by his brothers, Bernard and Ernest LaFianza and their children; as well as nieces and nephew, Jackie (Doug), John (Kim), and the Late Lynn (Rick), and their children.

Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for visitation from 2:00 - 4:00 pm and 6:00 - 7:30 pm on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Howard will be laid to rest privately alongside his beloved wife, Rita.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in honor of Howard may be made to the U.S.S. New Jersey (<https://www.battleshipnewjersey.org/>).



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To leave online condolences please visit www.jeffersonmemorial.com

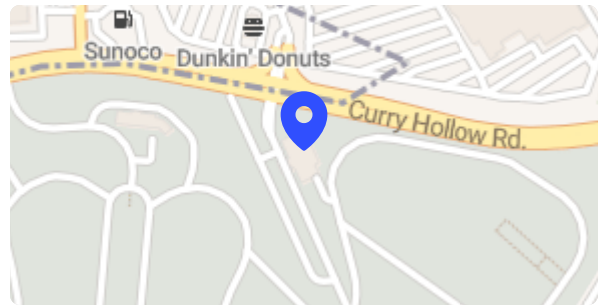


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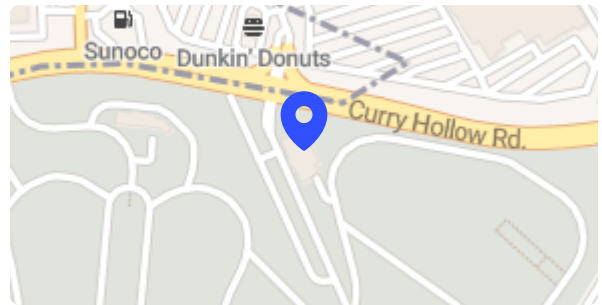
Visitation

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- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET
- Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Inc.**
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Memorial

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RK

Ron Kandsberger posted:

I am truly sadden to have learned today of Howard's passing. I started ushering with him and he was always a pleasure to be around. Always kind hearted, helping others and putting a smile on others faces. He will be missed and always remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with the family, friends and neighbors of Howard and Rita.

February 2 at 10:39 PM

KH

K Hall posted:

I'm also a volunteer at the hospital where him and Rita volunteered. They were the SWEETEST people and always had something nice to say to everyone. They were some of the first people to make me feel truly welcomed there, despite my young age in comparison to the rest of the volunteers. You'll be dearly missed, rest easy. Sending love and light to family and friends ☐☐

February 1 at 5:50 PM

JE

Jennifer Earliwine posted:

I think I probably speak for all of the neighbors when I say that the street will not be the same without these two. Such great neighbors. Always good for a chat on the street or out at Shop N Save. From little presents for my kids to buying something to support a fundraiser. We are truly sad for your family for having lost them both so close together. The Earliwine Family

January 29 at 10:12 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Howard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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