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Lawrence F. Puhalla, Jr., 83, of Bethel Park, PA. passed peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on March 22, 2025.

Beloved husband of Annie (Baird) Puhalla for fifty-six years; devoted father of Megan (Craig) Celestino, and cherished Pap Pap to Connor and Alivia. Son of the late Lawrence and Grace (Davis) Puhalla, brother of twin Joseph Puhalla and the late Robert (Carol) Puhalla, and Margaret Puhalla; brother-in-law of Kenny Baird, the late John Baird, and Catherine (the late Charles) McMinn. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Larry was a caring and generous soul who was always willing to help colleagues, friends and family. He was a loyal Pittsburgh sports fan and spirited debater. He loved his summer vacations and fall weekends spent at Deep Creek Lake with family and friends. Following his retirement from the Allegheny County Department of Human Services in 2011, Larry found that his greatest joy came from spending time with his grandchildren.

Friends and family will be received from 2-4pm and 6-8pm on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pleasant Hills, PA, 15236.

A Blessing Service will be held at 12pm on Friday, March 28, 2025 in the Funeral Home Chapel. Family and friends are welcome to arrive at 11am before the service.

Interment will be handled by Jefferson Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lawrence's memory may be sent to Cribs for Kids, at <https://cribsforkids.org/>; or by mail at 5450 Second Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207.

Online condolences can be made at jeffersonmemorial.com.



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Link to Service Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86191255760>



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JJ

Joe,Nance,Steph,Brian,Allison&Jae sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Puhalla family.



March 27 at 11:36 AM

GM

Gary McCormick posted:

Larry (and twin brother, Joe) were the "big guys" in our neighborhood in Regent Square, playing softball and football in "Green" field off LaClair Street. As we got older, the Puhalla's were often our chauffeurs to watch stock car racing and to play golf, before we were old enough to drive. Larry was always enthusiastic about doing almost any sporting event, and was a great "mentor" to us younger guys. My sincere condolences to the family. Sincerely, Gary "Oob" McCormick

March 27 at 9:05 AM

JP

Joi Paulovich shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Lar, Uncle Larry, Zacco! You were such an important link in our family chain. A cold Miller Light will never taste the same when the person you shared it with has gone home to be with the Lord. Your wisdom & words of advice will live through those who knew & love you. Family was everything to you. I'm so grateful for the love & support you had for us and for Josh & Zach - their sports, schooling, etc. I know my Dad greeted you with loudest "Zacco" greeting. Fly high where there is no more pain. This is not goodbye; rather, "C-YA!" Love you always!! #sweetcaroline ☐



March 24 at 2:48 PM

TF

The Hilliard Family sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Puhalla family.



March 26 at 4:16 PM

LF

Love, Linda Schoen & Family sent a Love's Journey to the Puhalla family.



March 26 at 10:05 AM



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Larry Puhalla shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Life doesn't always keep people on the same path, but that doesn't mean we don't feel the loss when someone leaves this world. Catch those Eagles' Wings, Uncle Larry.



March 26 at 1:32 AM



Joyce, Rick And Jody sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Puhalla family.



March 25 at 7:10 PM



Love Always ~ Randy, Joi, Josh & Zach sent a Small Garden Dish to the Puhalla family.



March 25 at 2:50 PM



Randy Paulovich, Matt And Danylle Ford sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Puhalla family.



March 25 at 8:22 AM



Randy Paulovich, Matt And Danylle Ford planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lawrence.



March 25 at 8:22 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Puhalla family.



March 24 at 6:32 PM



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Allison Puhalla shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



March 24 at 3:46 PM



Joe Puhalla March 24 at 5:28 PM

Some things will never be the same! ❤️ 👤



Allison Puhalla posted:

Football season won't be the same this year! Sharing our dislike for the dreaded Ravens! Fun memories of calling you after a BIG Steelers win, sometimes still in full celebration mode! You were always JUST as happy! A fond memory was you sending us Smiley Cookies for a playoff game! I knew right then, we would win that game and we did! Your caring phone calls and always supporting our family never went unnoticed. You were an important part of our family and you will be missed! I loved that my Dad was a twin and you were truly his best friend! Your will to live and to keep pushing on was a courageous one! Now, you can rest easy. Cheers to a life well lived! The Fallen Limb A limb has fallen from the family tree. I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me." Remember the best times, the laughter, the song. The good life I lived while I was strong. Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you. Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through. My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest. Remembering all, how I truly was blessed. Continue traditions, no matter how small. Go on with your life, don't worry about falls I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin. Until the day comes we're together again.—Author Unknown

March 24 at 3:39 PM



Brian Puhalla posted:

Not everyone is fortunate enough to have an uncle who's an identical twin to their father, Joe. I often think of my kids' reactions when they'd see Larry and exclaim, "Two Joes?" It always brings back memories of the lively debates that filled the dining room at Grocky's house. The Buick Skylark, Marlboro Reds, Iron City beer, the block pools—those were just a few of the staples of the scene. And his knowledge of professional sports? Unmatched. Then there was the card trick. "The Wizard says your card—Ace of Hearts." Rest easy, Larry. You were truly one of a kind.

March 24 at 2:48 PM



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March 27 at 7:15 AM





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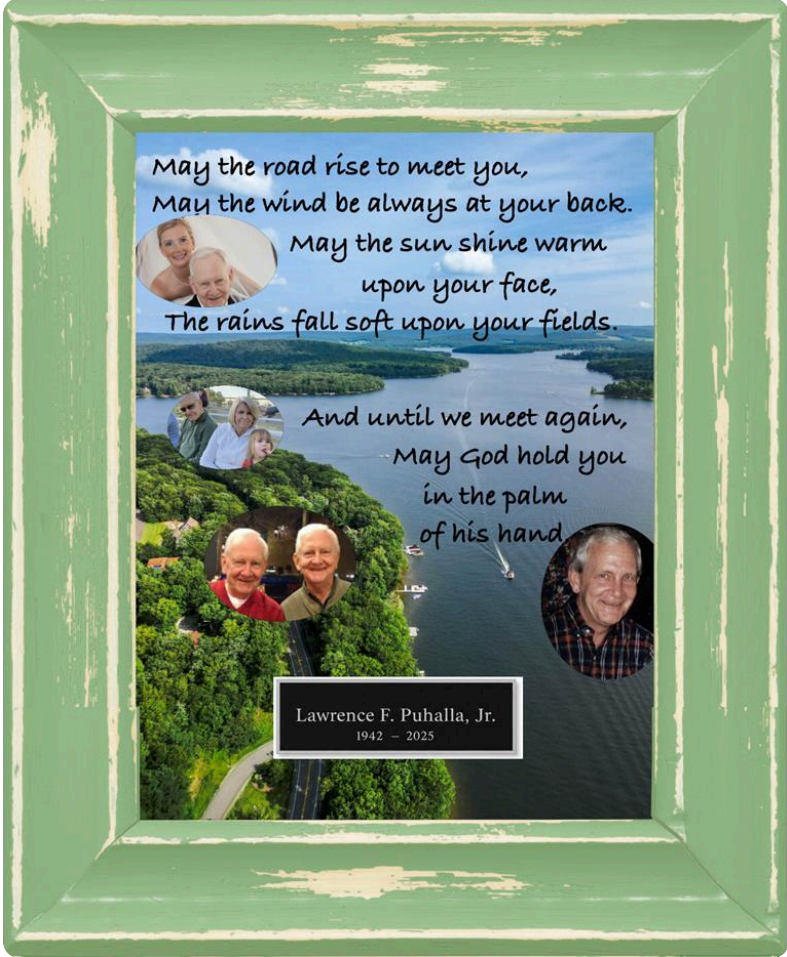
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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