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Charles J. Michaels, born Mikolajczyk, passed away peacefully on April 24, 2025, at the age of 83.

Born and raised in Braddock, Pennsylvania, Charles lived a life grounded in love, hard work, and unwavering devotion to family and friends. Beloved husband of 62 years to Linda Michaels (Neaves), whom he married on April 20, 1963, Charles was the devoted father of Charles W. Michaels (Stacey), Cindy Siple (Roger), Timothy Michaels, Megan Michaels, and the late Melissa Ebling.

He was the treasured "Pap Pap" to Logan Siple (Jennifer), Talia Siple, Burke Siple, Sian Michaels, Emma Michaels Giglio, Elayna Ebling, and Elyse Ebling - each one of them the light of his life. He is survived by his loving brothers Richard Mikolajczyk (Terry), and Ronald Mikolajczyk (Sheila), nieces Kelly Mikolajczyk, Kim Rohal (Scott), Lisa Stough (Dan) and Maria Neidig (Jon) and was preceded in death by his parents, Ann (Nolencz) and Charles Mikolajczyk, his brother Robert Mikolajczyk, and his beloved daughter Melissa Ebling.

Charlie began his working life at the Eight Street Market in Braddock before becoming a skilled machinist. Over the years, he lent his talents to US Steel, Westinghouse, Siemens, and Curtiss-Wright, where he took great pride in crafting precision parts for nuclear submarines for the U.S. Navy. His hands built more than machines - they built a life of strength, support, and care.

A man of many interests, Charlie loved model trains, genealogy, photography, history, car repair, and anything he could take apart and fix. He was famous in the family for his joyful renditions of Polish Christmas carols - he knew every word and sang them with heart. He had a gentle soul, a great sense of humor, a touch of stubbornness, and an uncanny ability to make you feel like the most important person in the room.

He never forgot a face, had a nickname for everyone, and carried his kindness quietly and consistently through all he did. Charlie found joy in the simple things - feeding apples to the deer



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in the backyard, leaving peanuts for the squirrels and birds, sneaking cookies to the kids in the neighborhood, and watching the world go by with wonder and contentment.

His legacy is one of love, humility, and quiet strength. Family and friends are invited to honor Charles at a viewing on Sunday, April 27, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Jefferson Memorial. A Funeral Mass and Catholic burial will be held on Monday, April 28, at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas A' Becket, Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Charles's memory to the Down Syndrome Center of Western PA, 4401 Penn Ave., Suite 3000, Pittsburgh, PA 15224. The family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of love from friends, neighbors, and the compassionate care of the Hospice team.

Charles's gentle presence will be missed by many, but his love will live on in all who had the honor of knowing him.




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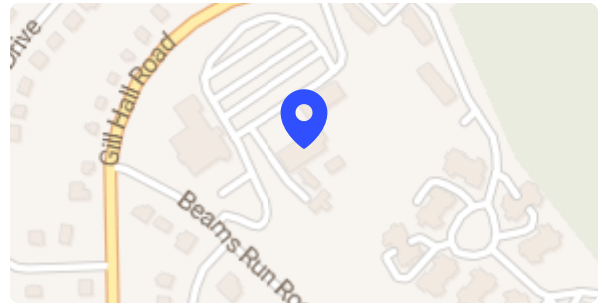
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Mass of Christian Burial

 **Monday**, April 28, 2025

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **St. Thomas A'Becket Church**
139 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills PA 15025





Tribute Wall

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Pat Thomas shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My deepest sympathy t everyone. Charlie was truly a very caring and good peson. I have known Charlie for many years. We had a great time with the Braddock All Class Runions. God bless and much love.Pat Thomas



April 26 at 4:58 PM



Dan, Lisa, Daniel, And Samantha Stough sent a Love's Journey to the Michaels family.

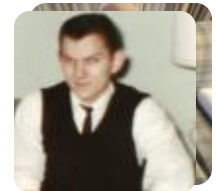


April 26 at 10:51 AM



Elayna Ebling shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

"Oh! Its the Ebling girls!!"



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Jon, Maria, And Jonathan Neidig sent an Arrive in Style to the Michaels family.



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