

Joseph Keller

Obituary

April 14, 1936 - August 20, 2020

With saddened hearts, surrounded by his wife and family, Joseph G. Keller entered into eternal rest at home, August 20, 2020. He was 84 years old. He was born Joseph Gerard Keller to Charles Francis and Elizabeth (Insall) Keller on April 14, 1936 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Joe was predeceased by four sisters, Elizabeth Wasser, Rose Cassell, Ida Keller and Mary Cain, and two brothers, Charles and Harry Keller. Joe is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Nancy (Slotter) Keller and children: Joseph Jr., Barbara, Brenda and Donna (husband Brian). He will be sorely missed by his three grandchildren: Kailee, Brianna, and Abbie Cummings. Joe was raised in Philadelphia and at age 10 moved to Perkasie, Pa.

He graduated from Lansdale Catholic High School with honors in 1954. He was a tri-sport athlete exceling in football, basketball, and baseball. Joe served in the Air Force from 1955 to 1959, as an air traffic specialist. In 1960, he was hired as an air traffic controller with the FAA. His career span was over 31 years, retiring in 1988 from Harrisburg International-Capital City Airport. With the FAA, Joe was active in PATCO. He made history as "one of the ones in 1981". He assisted in establishing the first Alliance on Mental Illness of Pennsylvania.

He loved all sports, fishing, and watching his beloved Phillies and Eagles. Joe enjoyed traveling and cruising with Nancy exploring many parts of the world, including Europe, Australia, New Zealand and the Panama Canal. Joe was not much of a cook but did know how to poach an egg and make a fantastic grilled cheese sandwich. He was a kind, loving father and grandfather, always offering his wisdom and planning fun adventures creating cherished memories. Joe had a great sense of humor, and could light up a room with laughter. Nicknamed "Chatty Cathy" he was never lost for words.

The family expresses gratitude to all of Joe's care providers, especially to

Ashley Hill for her months of compassionate loving care. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, August 28, 2020 at 11:30 A.M. at St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Roman Catholic Church, 2800 Paxton Church Road, Harrisburg. The Rev. Leo Goodman will be the Celebrant. Those wishing to attend, masks are required and to adhere to social distancing requirements.. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions can be made to Parkinson's Foundation, Alzheimer's Association, American Diabetes Association, or National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Arrangements are by the Hoover Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., Harrisburg. Online Condolences may be left at www.hooverfuneralhome.com www.pennlive.com/obits