



Howard C. "Pudge" O'Neal

April 8, 1940 - April 6, 2025

Howard Claude "Pudge" O'Neal, 84, of North Huntingdon passed away peacefully on April 6, 2025.

He was born April 8, 1940, in Wilkinsburg, a son of the late Howard T. and Allene (Shane) O'Neal.

Pudge dedicated 33 years to the Norwin School District, retiring in 1999.

During his tenure there, he also served as a coach for the Norwin track and field, soccer, football and wrestling programs. He loved working with kids.

He was a proud Norwin Knight himself graduating with the class of 1959 and was a member of the wrestling team that was inducted into the Norwin Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017, as well as the baseball and football teams. A standout athlete, his achievements included an invitation to the Olympic tryouts for wrestling and the opportunity to play semiprofessional football.

Pudge was also an alumnus of California State College (now PennWest California), where he was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

He was a dedicated member of the First Presbyterian Church, Irwin, where he served as an Elder. He was a member of Shidle Lodge No. 601, Free and Accepted Masons, Irwin, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Pittsburgh, and the Syria Temple, Pittsburgh. Over the years, he actively participated in numerous organizations and community programs. He also worked at the William Snyder Funeral Home for many years where he enjoyed greeting and helping people.

An avid hunter, he cherished the memories that were made with his family and

friends at his camp in Sigel, Pa.

Above all, Pudge was a devoted husband, father, and “Pap Pap.” He enthusiastically supported his children and grandchildren in their many and varied athletic and extracurricular endeavors. He was as playful as he was loving, and his family adored him, never doubting the depth of his love or how incredibly proud he was of all of them. There is no greater measure of success.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Margaret “Peggie” (Parry) O’Neal and their children, Randy (Amy) O’Neal; Colleen Rady; and Katey (Kris) Hummel; his eight grandchildren who filled him with joy Abbey (George) Revercomb, Eliza O’Neal, Noah Rady, Patrick O’Neal, Talley (Colton) Madden, Grace (fiancé Brett Ginther), Kara Hummel, and Kacie Hummel; and is also the proud great-grandfather of Howie Revercomb and L.J. Sula. He is also survived by a brother, Thomas O’Neal; sister, Jean (Herman) Brown; sister-in-law, Ethel (Scott, a friend since childhood) Logan; sisters-in-law, Rebecca (Mark) Trembath and Becky Jadlocki; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He will be remembered by many loyal and devoted friends whose friendships he treasured.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, John “Jack” O’Neal; his mother and father in law Lucille and William Parry; his brother-in-law, David Parry; sister-in-law, Sandra O’Neal.

Friends will be received from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main St., Irwin. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 11, in First Presbyterian Church, 617 Main St., Irwin, with Rev. Dr. Doug Rehberg, officiating. Those attending the service please go directly to the church. A masonic funeral service will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Irwin, designated for youth programs, at www.firstpresbyirwin.org/stewardship-finance/. His memory can also be honored by being kind to neighbors, celebrating small moments and big milestones with equal enthusiasm, laughing often, and

loving family and friends as tirelessly as he did. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

APR 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Irwin, PA 15642
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<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Masonic Funeral Service

APR 10. 8:00 PM - 8:05 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Very sorry for your loss, with deepest sympathy.*

Michael Plumb Jr - May 19, 2025 at 02:20 AM



“ *I knew Coach from my high school track & field days. He was an absolute joy to be around. Tough, but caring. He knew how to get the best out of his athletes. Despite not seeing me for nearly 30 years, when we crossed paths again at a previous Snyder viewing, he recognized me instantly & remembered the very nickname he gave me all those years ago. RIP, sir.. the world lost an amazing coach. Condolences to his family & friends.*

Corey Cassidy - April 09, 2025 at 11:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Howard C. "Pudge" O'Neal.*



April 09, 2025 at 03:16 PM

BJ

“Peggie and family, My heart sank yesterday when I found out that Pudge had passed on to be with our Lord and Savior. He was a pillar of a man in Irwin and surrounding communities. He touched everyone's life that he met. I remember our family times when we would all get together for weddings or funerals and celebrate with shots of Yukon or other drinks. When Zip and Libby married, our family grew to be with your family. Zip and Libby were together for 27 years, and "Pap" became my second Dad. I loved him so much as he was my dad longer than my dad "Dave" was with me in this life. Pudge was so much like Zip in stature, in looks, and in his love for family and friends. He will be missed by all he touched. Zip, Allene, Libby, Renee' and ALL of our family I know were greeting him and welcoming him home with them in eternity. His body has only died, but he is very much still ALIVE and well. I love you, sister Peggie, be strong; this is a tough one. RIP my Step Brother. I LOVE YOU.

Barry & Erin Johns - April 09, 2025 at 09:44 AM

SL

“Peggy and family. My deepest sympathy goes out to you all. He was a pillar of the community and our church sure to be remembered fondly. God Bless. Sharon Lunn

Sharon Lunn - April 09, 2025 at 08:10 AM



“A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Howard C. "Pudge" O'Neal.

April 08, 2025 at 10:55 PM

SS

“ Sherry and Madalyn Snyder purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Howard C. "Pudge" O'Neal.



Sherry and Madalyn Snyder - April 08, 2025 at 01:37 PM

SM

“ I met Pudge during my initiation to The Rendezvous some 35 years ago and he became a steadfast brother since. Every time I came home from Michigan when we met he would announce me HEY SAMMIE". He was irish to his core and we'd believe most of his malarkey and I'll miss him!
Alas my Brother Pudge, sleep well until we meet again in The Celestial Grand Lodge. God speed my brother!



Sam Miller - April 08, 2025 at 01:17 PM

SB

“ Deepest Sympathy Katey and your family. Many thoughts and prayers. 🙏

Susan Bradley - April 08, 2025 at 11:21 AM

LM

“ Peggie & Family, my heart breaks for you! My deepest condolences for all of you. Our prayers are with you.

Linda McConnell - April 08, 2025 at 10:17 AM

LC

“ Sending my sincere condolences sympathy to Peggie and the entire family. May the Lord hold and comfort you at this difficult time. May Pudge rest in eternal peace 🙏

Lorraine Cipra - April 08, 2025 at 09:34 AM

BJ

“ Barry J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard C. "Pudge" O'Neal.

Barry J. - April 08, 2025 at 09:14 AM

RG

“ How truly blessed I was to have this wonderful man as a neighbor and friend. I moved in across the street in the winter of 2015 and before I even had a chance to meet Pudge, he was snowblowing my driveway. I, like other neighbors, will dearly miss those visits he made on his riding mower just to say hello. My sincere condolences to Peggie and the rest of the family.
Renee

Renee Gooch - April 08, 2025 at 09:13 AM

DB

“ My deepest condolences goto the family of Coach O'Neil. May he rest in peace.

Dave Bartok - April 08, 2025 at 08:46 AM

CK

“ R.I.P., my friend. I will forever cherish the great memories we shared with the Norwin track coaches. Some of the best years of my life. I thank you for being a big part of it. I will never forget you. I hope you are listening to the song: *The Last Dance* on an endless loop.

Chris Kelly - April 08, 2025 at 08:42 AM

DD

“ Pudge was truly an outstanding gentleman who dedicated his life to serving others.
We extend our love and sympathy to his wife, Peggy, their children and grandchildren, and to his family and friends.

Dr. Larry and Susan Dunster - April 08, 2025 at 05:19 AM

BK

“ Pudge was such a great man. He & Peggy have been such a great support for me after losing my husband. The best neighbors you could ever ask for. I have comfort in knowing he's not suffering anymore. Love to all of his family. He will definitely be missed & remembered ❤️

Beverlee Kuch - April 07, 2025 at 10:31 PM

CT

“ Chuck and I are so sorry for your loss. As Peggie knew Chuck before I did, I was a wrestling fan of Pudge's before Peggie. Long time friends. Love and prayers to all the family.

Chuck and Mary Taylor - April 07, 2025 at 08:33 PM



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