



Lawrence J. Helkowski

May 22, 1945 - January 28, 2019

Lawrence J. Helkowski, 73, of Irwin, died Monday January 28, 2019. He was born May 22, 1945, in Scottdale, a son of the late Daniel S. Helkowski, Sr. and Sara Livingston Helkowski and was also preceded in death by his wife, Jacqueline P. Helkowski, and his sister, Patricia Schmook. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Irwin and an Army veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. Lawrence was a graduate of Scottdale High School and the University of Pittsburgh. He worked for 33 years for People's Natural Gas and upon retiring, served as president and CEO of the Westmoreland County Blind Association for thirteen years. Lawrence enjoyed supporting his community, volunteering for the United Way during his time with People's Gas as well as serving as a member of the Westmoreland County Community College Board of Trustees. In October of 2017, Lawrence was awarded the Pitt-Greensburg Alumnus of Distinction Award for professional achievement and service. He was an avid fan of all University of Pittsburgh athletics, especially football and basketball. He could be found regularly attending their home games with his late wife, Jackie. Surviving are his son and daughter-in-law, Lawrence Scott Helkowski and his wife Julie; grandchildren Andrew and Audrey Helkowski; his brothers Daniel (the late Carol) Helkowski of Baden, Arthur (Sandi) Helkowski of Ruffsdale, and Gregory (Sue) Helkowski of Scottdale; his brother in law Charles Schmook of Scottdale; his sister in law Joanna Kondrath of Orange, CA; numerous nieces and nephews; and many life-long friends and caring neighbors. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200. Parting prayers will be held at the funeral home Friday at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 9:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church. Interment will follow in St. Josef's Cemetery, Everson. In lieu of flowers a contribution may be made to the University of Pitt-Greensburg or the Westmoreland County Blind Association. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Josef's Cemetery

Everson, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JAN 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Parting Prayers

FEB 1. 9:00 AM - 9:10 AM (ET)

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Service

FEB 1. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

Church of the Immaculate Conception
308 2nd street
Irwin, PA 15642

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence J. Helkowski*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Lawrence J. Helkowski*

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *Scott, Julie, Andrew, Audrey and all of the Helkowski family,*

My heart breaks with the news of Larry's passing. I know the past months have been challenging for all of you. Larry is one in a million. An honest, hardworking, loving, giving, and caring, man. He loved his family with all his heart and was so proud of all of them. He loved serving his community and never backed away from doing anything he could to help those who needed help. His character was rooted in his faith and I am honored to have called him my boss and my friend for many years. I will forever cherish the wonderful memories left in my mind and in my heart. I saw firsthand what a caring individual he was and I will live the rest of my life attempting to living up to the remarkable example of giving and caring both he and Jackie set. Heaven has a beautiful new angel in its presence today. Larry will truly be missed by all of us who knew and love him. God bless you all during this difficult time.

Sandi Foreman, Ed Irwin, and family

Sandi Sechrist Foreman - February 01, 2019 at 07:01 PM

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“ *The Moran and Hauser Families purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Lawrence J. Helkowski.*



The Moran and Hauser Families - January 30, 2019 at 03:11 PM

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“ *To Larry helkowski. And family . I used to work for the photo license center in Monroeville pa. Larry came to me and asked if I want to work for the photo license center I said yes. And he did my orientation and then he came to my work where I was working at the milestone program aide in Monroeville with my job coach Manny Gutierrez at the time he asked me to go through numbers and letters and told me how the job would pan out to be and what I had to do. he was real nice he would come in tomorrow where I work at photo license center to see how we were doing there were about five people working together at the time he was also so nice to me and to my coworkers I will never forget him he was a great guy nice it's so sad that he had to leave us he did good may God rest in peace and someday we'll meet again thank you Larry you inspired me. And also one Christmas he gave us gift cards for all of his employees at giant eagle it was real nice him to do that he didn't have to but that's the kind of person Larry was he didn't care and it was real nice for him to do that he gave a lot to everybody who he became in contact with he was a real nice guy I know he retired and he got sick but he was still nice going to miss him rest in peace buddy we got it from here. Cynthia anuskiewicz a former coworker. New Kensington pa.*

Cynthia anuskiewicz - January 30, 2019 at 02:14 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry's family. You can be very proud of him. Even when he wasn't feeling well he was kind and respectful. He was a first-class man and he was a man that we are proud to call our friend. My heart breaks that he didn't get to enjoy his time here in Florida but I know he'll be swinging that golf club in heaven. Rest in peace Larry and give Jackie a big hug and kiss for us. Until we meet again....

Wayne and Carolyn Wescoe

Carolyn Wescoe - January 30, 2019 at 09:43 AM