



Robert K. Beckinger

August 8, 1940 - June 10, 2024

Major Robert “Bob” Beckinger died on June 10, 2024 in Fayette City. He was born in Charleroi on August 8, 1940, as the son of the late William Keith and Phyllis Muir Beckinger. A 1958 graduate of Donora High School, he earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Waynesburg College and a master’s degree in social work from the University of Pittsburgh. A licensed social worker, he worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a disabled advocate and for the Mon Valley Health Center as a counselor.

During his career, he served as Southwestern PA president of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), representing members working in the Department of Public Welfare and Unemployment Offices, nursing homes, and health offices in eight counties surrounding Allegheny County. Bob enlisted in the 429th Combat Engineers Division of the PA National Guard in Waynesburg in 1963, earning the rank of Tech Sergeant. Later, he was commissioned with the 161st Refueling Unit of the PA Air National Guard. After 25 years of service, he retired with the rank of Major.

Bob was a member of the former First United Methodist Church of Donora. He was a past Master of the Donora Lodge #626 and an Exalted Ruler of the Donora BPO Elks #1265. He was also a member of the Charleroi American Legion Post 22 and a 32-year member of the Syria Shrine Temple.

Surviving Robert are his sons Brian and wife Denise of Fayette City and Craig of Tampa, Florida; his brother Terry and wife Debbie; and his niece Mandy and her family of Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Washington County Humane Society (1527 Route 136, Eighty Four, PA 15330) or the Donora Public Library (510 Meldon Avenue, Donora, PA 15033).

Tribute Wall



“ *Brian I just wanted to let you know how sorry I was when the girls told me your father had passed. You won't recognize my name, but I'm the guy who comes in around 8 from the highrise. My thoughts and prayers are with you...and I know how hard this is, because I just lost MY father in April. Hang in there, my friend...and may Dad R.I.P.*

Daniel Mucy - July 20, 2024 at 04:52 AM