

George Stephen Makovic



George Stephen Makovic, 84, of Fort Wayne passed away Friday, October 14, 2022.

Born March 22, 1938, in Toledo, OH, he was the son of the late Frank and Margaret Makovic (Ciaciuch), stepfather Robert Ciaciuch.

George received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at the United States Naval Academy and was first in his flight class after graduation. He proudly served his country as the pilot of a P2V Neptune, leading a crew of twelve during the Cold War.

Upon his honorable discharge, George married his beloved wife of 55 years Colleen (Kruse) and began a successful career at IBM where he fell into a tightly knit group of friends that continues to this day.

Post retirement, George also did stints at Universal Tool and Tolkheim. In his spare time, George was an avid golfer, enjoyed landscaping, coin collecting (silver dollars) and was very content with a good book or puzzle in the evenings.

George's stories were always entertaining as he wove in humor and hyperbole. He was committed to his Roman Catholic faith and served as a catechist at St. Joseph's Parish in Roanoke, IN.

George genuinely enjoyed people's company and treated them with kindness and compassion. He made a point to remember details about other people's lives.

He is missed as good husband, father, friend, and neighbor. George is survived by children Kathleen Makovic of Fort Wayne; George E. (Leslie) Makovic of Western Springs, IL; granddaughters Diane and Kelly Makovic; sister Miriam (Richard) Patznick and brother Frank (Sally) Makovic of Toledo, OH. He was preceded in death by his wife Colleen (Kruse) Makovic and son Michael (Elizabeth) Makovic of Shelbyville, IN.