



Bernard "Bernie" John Willgruber

January 16, 2022

Bernard "Bernie" John Willgruber, 94, of Allentown died January 16, 2022 in the Inpatient Hospice Unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown. He was the husband of the late Ann L. (Shaak) Willgruber who died December 31, 2021. They had celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary on April 16, 2021. Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late John and Celia (Schroadt) Willgruber. A graduate of Allentown High School, Bernie was a member of the swimming team from 1943 to 1945 and was the state diving champ in 1945. He continued his education graduating in 1951 from Muhlenberg College and the Masters Degree graduate course program, The Fels Institute of Government at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Bernie began his career with the City of Philadelphia in 1951 holding various positions including the Director of Fairmont Park from 1969 to 1972. He retired in 1982 after 31 years of dedicated service to the City of Philadelphia. He was a Navy Veteran of World War II. He was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Allentown, where he sang in the choir from 1986 to 2013. Bernie was an avid skier and traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors: children, James Willgruber husband of Toni Jean of Philadelphia, Michael Willgruber of King of Prussia, Richard Willgruber husband of Nanette of King of Prussia, Andrew Willgruber husband of Briana of Palmyra, VA, Maryann wife of Joe Kusterer of Manassas, VA, David Willgruber husband of Marilyn Rucci of Whitehall, John Willgruber husband of Theresa of Devon, PA;

13 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a grandson, James David Willgruber; daughter-in-law, Joan Willgruber and 8 sisters and brothers.

Services will be private, at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley 245 N. Graham St. Allentown, PA 18109.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Memorial Park

3843 Lehigh St.
Whitehall, PA 18052