

Obituary: Ralph A. Westerman III '71

21Jul08 - Ralph A. Westerman III, 59, of Natrona Heights, passed away Friday, July 18, 2008, while in the company of family members at his residence.

Mr. Westerman was born Sept. 19, 1948, in Butler, the son of Ralph A. "Sonny" Jr. and Marilyn (Cunningham) Westerman, of Buffalo Township. He was a member of Freeport United Presbyterian Church.

Ralph attended Freeport High School, where he excelled in both academics and athletics, and then graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy's preparatory school, where he again excelled in academics and athletics. He attended the Naval Academy and was a warehouse manager at Great Gifts, McKeesport, for 19 years before retiring in 2007.

Ralph previously worked at his family's store, Waterman's True Value, Buffalo Township, for more than 15 years. He was a member of Armstrong Lodge 239, Freeport, and a former member of the White Star Club and the Freeport Eagles.

Ralph was a coach in the Colt and Pony baseball leagues, Freeport, for many years and enjoyed playing cards, watching sports, doing yard work and going on vacations to the beach.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 24 years, Patricia (Mohney) Westerman; son, Cory B. (Amy) Westerman and their four children, of Newman, Ga.; sister, Jody (Henry) Dolemyer, of Buffalo Township; brother, Ernie (Karen) Westerman, of Butler; brothers-in-law, Tim (Mary) Mohney, of Cranberry, and Joe Mohney, of Gilpin Township, and sisters-in-law, Kim Westerman, of Cheswick, Maureen Dahman of Atlanta, Kim (Robert) Holbein, of Buffalo Township, Mary Jo Olson, of North Apollo, Susan Jimmerson, of Atlanta, Kay Walsler, of Dallas, and Dawn (Tim) Ayers, of Cartersville, Ga. He was preceded in death by brother Michal Westerman.

Family and friends will be received from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the REDMOND FUNERAL HOME, INC., 524 High St., Freeport, where a Masonic service will be at 3:30.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Freeport United Presbyterian Church with the Rev. William Mumaw officiating.

A private family burial will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to VNA Hospice Care, 154 Hindman Road, Butler, PA 16001.