

ROBERT T. MESSNER
(December 13, 2022)



Of Blackridge, formerly of McKeesport, died on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at age 84. Beloved husband of Anne Messner for more than 50 years. Loving father of Megan Warren (Peter) of Baltimore and Michael Messner (Lauren) of Fox Chapel. Proud grandfather of Ellen Kraai, Cecelia Messner, Walter Kraai, and Grayson Messner. Bob was born and raised in McKeesport, the son of Thomas and Cecelia Messner. He graduated from Dartmouth College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and then practiced law for more than 50 years, first with a Pittsburgh law firm, then as general counsel for G.C. Murphy Co. and Dollar Bank. Bob was a historian with a particular interest in the French and Indian War. After his retirement, he worked to fund and create the Braddock's Battlefield History Center which opened to the public in 2012. In 2018, Bob donated the Center and its exhibits to Fort Ligonier, which continues its operation. He was dedicated to historical preservation through writing, lectures, consulting, and serving on the board of several non-profits. Bob was also a US Army Veteran and commanded an intelligence unit in Korea. Services private. Gifts in Bob's memory may be given to the G.C. Murphy Co. Foundation, c/o Patricia A. Smith, Secretary, and Administrator, 1514 Greenock-Buena Vista Road, McKeesport, PA 15135. Arrangements by WOLFE MEMORIAL, LLC. www.wolfepgh.com

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