



James McLaren Minton

January 16, 2019

James McLaren Minton, born on February 5, 1924, passed away on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at the age of 94. He was preceded in death by his mother Edna and father George, beloved dog Pat, brother George Harold Minton and sister in-law Olga Minton. He is survived by his niece Cynthia Minton (Steve Piatt) and nephew Michael Minton. Jim was born in Beaver, Pennsylvania and was an avid railroader. He worked his entire career on the P & L E and logged thousands of miles of travel throughout the United States. In retirement, he lived many years peacefully overlooking the banks of the Ohio River in Emsworth where he could continue to monitor the railroad and river traffic from his window. For the last several years, he lived at Concordia of Monroeville where he had a view of the PA Turnpike. Jim will be remembered for his buoyant personality, zest for all things Pittsburgh and his amazing stamina in traveling throughout the three rivers area on a daily basis. Jim loved trains, dogs and sports. Jim was undaunted by his age and in his eighties continued to scale the mile-long hill to his apartment, in spite of a 50-degree peak near the top. Many thanks to all those good citizens and public servants who picked him up to help him to the top of the hill. The family sends special thanks to the staff at the Library and the Citizen's Bank in Sewickley, the staff at Cliffside Manor, and the wonderful folks that cared for him at Concordia of Monroeville. Many small acts of kindness allowed him to enjoy his life to the fullest in the manner he most desired. He will be missed. There will be no visitation or service. Arrangements entrusted to the GENE H. CORL

INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE.

Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed the time I had with Jim while he was at Concordia. I loved to hear his stories about his career with the railroad and all his travels by train. I know how much he loved dogs and he always enjoyed the visits from Keela the therapy dog. Our outings to the Dollar Tree were a lot of fun. He was such a nice man and loved by everybody. He will be missed.

Kelly Rose - January 18, 2019 at 08:49 AM

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I have known Jim for a lot of years. I used to ride trains out of College Yard Beaver Falls and in our talks he often commented on this. It should be noted as a railroad clerk, he closed down the P&LE College Yard I think in 1983. In later years I wrote railroad books, Jim was a wealth of knowledge; I loved our conversations. After he moved from Beaver County, he would when he was able visit me at the Monroeville Train Show by bus and afterwards at two different care homes. He loved Beaver County history, always asking about the new Shell plant and deeply interested in the 5th Street Railroad in Beaver where his relative worked as well as the Park, North Shore RR, near Crows Run. We could talk for hours on these topics. I will miss Jim and I am sure he is in the loving hands of God reunited with his Mom and Dad.

Wayne Cole - January 21, 2019 at 11:58 AM