



## Obituary

**Born:** Friday, November 12, 1926

**Died:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020

John Liko died on June 17, 2020 at 10:57 pm, in hospice care at Jones Serenity Circle. He was a resident at St. Paul's for over seven years. He was 93. Mr. Liko was born in Pike Run, Washington County, Pennsylvania, to Samuel and Judith (nee Fakla). He attended California High School, but enlisted in the Army Air Corps (Air Force) before graduation. He trained as a bombardier for WWII and was recalled to active service for the Korean War. He graduated from California State Teacher's College in California, Pennsylvania, with a BS degree in Industrial Arts Education. He married Diana (nee Padovani) in Charleroi, Pennsylvania, on June 7, 1952.

He taught industrial arts including mechanical drawing and drafting, as well as, wood and metal shop. He taught briefly in Brookfield, Ohio, and for over 30 years in Sharpsville Area Schools. In the 1960s he earned a Masters' degree in guidance counseling from Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. He was an active member in state and local teachers' educational associations. John was also a longtime member of the Sharpsville Service Club.

Mr. Liko and his wife traveled extensively after they both retired from teaching. Destinations included Mexico, Hawaii, the Caribbean, much of Europe, Russia, Scandinavia, Fiji, New Zealand and Australia.

The Likos celebrated fifty years of marriage in 2002. They were married for fifty-two years before Diana died in 2004.

Mr. Liko was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church in Sharon, Pennsylvania, for over fifty years. He served as a church council member and usher. He was a 32 degree Free & Accepted Mason, member of Shenango Valley Lodge 810 for over fifty years.

He is survived by four daughters and four grandchildren. He is survived by Cheryl L. Finnegan and her husband, Ed, Cary Illinois; Judith L. Pugliese, Fairview, Pennsylvania and her grown children Katie, Virginia, and Sam, California.

Mr. Liko is also survived by Deborah L. Kacko and her husband, David, Bay City Texas, and grown children, Sierra and Jordan, Texas; and Rebecca S. Liko, Springfield, Virginia. He is also survived by a stepsister, Mary Ann Yedlowski, Freeport, Pennsylvania. A sister and half -brother predeceased him.

In lieu of flowers, make donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N Michigan Ave Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

## Service Summary

### Private Services

Location: - *Not available* -

Burial will take place in Riverside Cemetery next to his wife.

Arrangements entrusted to the SHERMAN Funeral Home &  
Crematory