



Allan Becer

February 18, 2025

Allan Becer

Born in 1950, died suddenly on February 18, 2025, at his home. A life-long resident of the Lawrenceville neighborhood in Pittsburgh, he was the son of the late Frank and Emily Becer, and the grandson of Croatian immigrants. He was predeceased by his only brother, Dr. Mark Becer. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Nancy Becer; his nieces, Christine (Christopher Ryan) Becer and Marie (Trevor) Ilse; and his grandnephew and grandniece, Mark and Cecilia Ilse.

Allan achieved his undergraduate degree from Duquesne University, and a Master's degree in education at the University of Pittsburgh, also where he had a teaching fellowship. He also attended the Robert A. Taft Institute for Government at the University of Scranton and the Civil War Institute of Gettysburg College.

Enlisting in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, Allan served our country, stationed in Germany. After his military service, he taught at his alma mater, St. Nicholas Catholic grade school in Millvale, until the school closed. He spent 20 years working as a property auditor at Carnegie Mellon University until he retired.

Allan was generous with his time chairing the annual Fourth of July celebration in Lawrenceville for 20 years. He was president of the Arsenal Board of Trade for 25 years, as well as a founding member and 3-term president of the Lawrenceville Historical Society. He is the co-author of two publications about the history of Lawrenceville and lectured about different historical topics at various forums. He was the president of Lodge 234 of the Croatian Fraternal Union.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 10AM, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 24 Maryland Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15209, Millvale. Burial will remain private.

Allan's family appreciates all who attended. It was a quiet, reverent Mass, yesterday. Special thank you to Lathon for his professionalism helping us at this difficult time and to Father Nick for his priestly service.

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Previous Events

Mass

MAR **12**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

St. Nicholas Church

Tribute Wall

JZ

“ *Jing Zhang purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Allan Becer.* ”



Jing Zhang - June 12, 2025 at 02:37 AM

MF

“ *I will always remember you from running around the field at Arsenal park, and from all of the July 4th celebrations that you worked so hard to coordinate. Independence Day will never be the same without you. Rest well my friend...* ”

Michelle Fazio - March 07, 2025 at 09:22 AM

SF

“ *Thank you Allan for all the years of hard work you dedicated to the Independence Day celebrations in Arsenal Park. They were the best Lawrenceville ever had. Our family will always remember them and will always remember you.* ”



Stanchak Family - March 06, 2025 at 10:45 PM

JN

“ Whiffle ball in the alley; summer evenings spent sitting on shaded cellar doors, retelling scary stories; re-enacting entire episodes of *The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show* onto an old tape recorder; taking the 54c to the Playhouse to raise the spirit of Harry Houdini on a Halloween night... These are just a few of the memories of our childhood adventures I will always cherish. Wherever you are, young friend, find your shade and tell your stories. And say hi to Harry.

—John N

John Nikolajski - March 05, 2025 at 05:07 PM



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Thomas North Powers - March 01, 2025 at 05:35 PM



Tired but excited over their adventure, the LHS explorers pose outside the entrance of the famed “Arsenal Tunnels.” From left to right – Allan Becer, Jude Wudarczyk, Mary Johnston, and Rich Bassett. (Photo by Mark Sachon)

Thomas North Powers - March 01, 2025 at 05:38 PM

RF

“ I loved talking to you about Edgar Allan Poe when you visited Lawrenceville Vision years ago! Rest in peace in the arms of Jesus!

Rillton friend - February 27, 2025 at 06:09 PM