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Son of the late Helen and Walter Szymanski; companion and friend of Paul Marrocco for over 40 years; brother of Mary Lou Long and the late Donald Szymanski; uncle of Jackie Long (Russ Keller) and Wendy Riggs (Marshall); and many other family and friends. After graduating from St. Vincent's, went to Rochester, NY where he received his Masters Degree in Theology & Psychology and Doctorate in Divinity. He enjoyed working with the Episcopal Church clinically and pastorally. He especially enjoyed working with the developmentally disabled group called the Star Group and with the LGBT community group. After 19 years, he returned to Pittsburgh, PA where he became the new Pastor of St. Paul's Church in Monongahela, where the church grew and prospered. He was always ready to tell a joke. He will be missed. Professional Services trusted to D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD., Lawrenceville.

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“ *Walter D. Szymanski*

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *I had the great pleasure of knowing and interacting with Walt on a regular basis in the late 1970s to the mid-1980s when he was the pastor at Calvary St. Andrews Church and a chaplain to the Rochester chapter of Dignity-Integrity. He was a kind, caring, generous, compassionate person who personified what it means to be a true Christian. His genuine concern for others, especially the poor and those with mental and/or emotional challenges never wavered and I truly felt that he emulated Christ living among us more than any other person I have ever met.*

Bill DeStevens, Rochester, NY - November 16, 2022 at 09:54 PM



“ *Walter, Rev. Anne Waasdorp and I served together for over ten years at Calvary St. Andrew's Parish, a combined Presbyterian and Episcopal Parish in Rochester NY. As a city parish we welcomed people from all walks of life and addressed numerous social issues of the day. Walt was always a welcoming presence, especially for gay, lesbian and transgender people. Through his leadership we expended our ministry with people who are especially challenged. Well done good and faithful servant, well done. Reverend Judy Lee Hay Rochester, NY*

Reverend Judy Hay - November 16, 2022 at 10:27 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of being Walts next door neighbor for about 10 years. His over the back yard fence conversations and jokes were always greatly appreciated !!! God rest his beautiful soul.

Tim Denham - October 23, 2022 at 11:32 AM

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“ Walt would often attend our luncheons for retired clergy and spouse. He regularly received birthday cards as a retired cleric from the chaplain to retired clergy which he greatly appreciated. May he Rest In Peace and walk with our Savior.

The Rev Arthur Dilg - October 20, 2022 at 08:47 PM