

Edwin D. Hill



August 11, 1937 - December 1, 2018

Burial Date: December 7, 2018

Edwin D. Hill, 81, of Beaver, passed away early Saturday morning, December 1, 2018 at UPMC Mercy, Pittsburgh.

Born August 11, 1937 in Center Twp., he was a son of the late William H. and Bessie E. Weigle Hill. Ed began his career with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 712, Beaver in 1956, graduating from the apprenticeship program as a Journeyman Wireman in 1960. His union activities included member and president of Local 712's political action committee, business manager, Vice-President and Chairman of COPE, President of the Beaver County Central Labor Council, and Vice-President of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO where he remained until 1997. In 1982, he was appointed to the Third District Office as International Representative, and in 1994, the Third District Vice President, overseeing IBEW activities in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Delaware. Ed filled the unexpired term of then IBEW International Secretary Jack Moore in 1997, shortly assuming the duties of both secretary and treasurer. His success in the role of secretary/treasurer secured his appointment to International President of the 750,000-member IBEW in 2001, until his retirement in 2015. His advocacy on behalf of working families has been widely recognized, both at home and abroad. In 2015, he became the first American to be awarded the Golden Eagle, one of Italy's highest honors, in recognition of his work for social justice. Later that year, he was awarded the FDR Distinguished Public Service Award by the Roosevelt Institute, in recognition of his public service and dedication to the principles for which President Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt stood.

Ed will be remembered by family and friends as a loving husband, caring father, and proud grandfather. He was a faithful member of Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, Beaver.

Surviving Ed is his wife, Rosemary Monaco Hill, Beaver; son, Edwin D. (Tina Modany) Hill, Jr., Chippewa Twp.; two daughters, Michelle F. Randall, Emsworth, and Toni L. (Robert Junke) Hill, Gibsonia; brother, William Hill, Jr., Reston, VA; sister, Sandra (Stephen Cowen) Hill-Cowen, FL; and grandchildren, Michael Randall, Christopher, Patrick, and Gabrielle Hill-Junke, and Cassandra and Edwin "EJ" Joseph Hill III.

Friends will be received Wednesday, December 5, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., and December 6, 2018 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the IBEW Local Union # 712 Hall, 217 Sassafras Lane, Beaver, PA

15009. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by his pastor, Fr. Robert Miller, Friday, December 7, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, Beaver. A private entombment will follow at Beaver Cemetery. All arrangements are being handled by the Noll Funeral Home, Inc., 333 Third St., Beaver. Online condolences may be shared at nollfuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Electrical Workers without Borders North America at www.ewwbna.org.

