



Marc E. Oeffner

January 18, 1956 - September 6, 2024

Marc E. Oeffner signed off on his time on Earth at the age of 68, having lived a life marked by quick wit, dry humor, and as anyone who ever played Trivial Pursuit with him will attest, far too much knowledge for one man. Born in Newark, NJ, Marc was the son of Eugene and Martha (Collins) Oeffner, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death is his brother Edward Oeffner, sister Carol Velotti, nephews Jason Ryan and Edward Oeffner. He leaves behind his loving wife Kathy. They celebrated 50 years together this year. Also surviving is his brother David Oeffner, his wife and their 2 children. Close to his heart are a brood of nieces - Sarah, Michele, Courtenay, Susie, and Calista - whom he cherished as if they were his own. Marc's academic journey took him through Keystone College, where he double-majored in computer science and English, a combination that ensured he could write about computers in ways the rest of us still wouldn't understand. His love for words didn't stop at the classroom, but despite being a natural writer (just ask his friend Lisa), Marc liked to keep his literary talents to himself. When Lisa would nudge him to put pen to paper, he'd famously quip, "If I don't do it, I always could have done it." Now, we'll never know what brilliant novel he could have written, but rest assured, it would have been filled with wit, wisdom, and certainly some humor.

Marc had a soft spot for history, particularly World War II, a passion likely passed down from his father, a Navy man who served in the South Pacific. Weekly trips to the Wyalusing Library were a staple of Marc's routine, where

he'd leave with a towering stack of books on history and often with some unexpected genre tossed in for variety. Marc excelled at many things, pool being one of them. He played on the Bradford County Pool League starting in 1994 and also on the Canton League. In 2022 he proudly held the title of #1 shooter in the Bradford County, and by 2023, they had no choice, but to give him a lifetime achievement award. Marc also had a long-running love affair with music, playing the guitar and amassing a collection of over 500 vinyl albums and just as many CDs. He never quite crossed over into the digital music era, much to the frustration (and amusement) of anyone who tried to convince him otherwise. He also had a habit of driving the country roads of Bradford County with the windows down, music blasting at full volume. It's just one of the reasons he loved the area so much.

A lover of life's simple pleasures, Marc found joy in mowing the lawn, his dog Jack (the true favorite of the family) and Sunday morning breakfasts with Kathy. These leisurely breakfasts would stretch out as Marc, coffee in hand, perused his latest book. "He never rushed the meal, much to the chagrin of waitstaff everywhere," Kathy recalls with a smile. Marc was also an avid chess player. His strategic mind, always sharp, made him a formidable opponent, whether across the chessboard or in a game of Trivial Pursuit. Speaking of which—if you ever found yourself foolish enough to challenge Marc in a game of Trivial Pursuit, well, let's just say you'd end up in awe of the encyclopedic wealth of information stored in his brain. Eventually, the family stopped playing the game altogether and opted instead to wager on how many cards Marc could clear before finally getting a question wrong - if ever.

Marc will be remembered not only for his sharp intellect and dry humor, but for his quiet concern of those he encountered. Always willing to listen and offer some sage advice. He wasn't a man of many grand gestures, but his loyalty and his steady presence to those he held dear, was worth its weight in gold. Marc, you leave behind a world a little less interesting and certainly less knowledgeable.

Services will be held at Maryott Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave Towanda,

PA on October 8, 2024

Family will receive friends 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Celebration of Life 2:00 -3:00 PM.

Memories and condolences

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Previous Events

Receive Friends

OCT 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ All the Moureys purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marc E. Oeffner.



All the Moureys - October 07, 2024 at 07:53 PM

AR

“ Kathy, I am so sorry for your loss.
Ann Marie Roof

Ann Marie Roof - October 07, 2024 at 12:37 PM

LV

“ Deepest sympathy to the family, I worked with Marc at Kmart he was always a pleasure to work with.



Lorinda Vanderpool - September 19, 2024 at 10:38 AM

KO

Thank-you. Kathy

Kathy Oeffner - September 29, 2024 at 10:54 AM

MV

“ Oh Kathy. We have been away and I am just now checking the newspaper. I am so, so very sorry for your loss. Please know I am sending a virtual hug and many real prayers for courage and comfort. Love, Melba VanDerlyke.

Melba VanDerlyke - September 18, 2024 at 10:11 AM

KO

Thank you, Melba. Kathy

Kathy Oeffner - September 29, 2024 at 10:55 AM

AR

Sorry for your loss Kathy. He was a good friend. Will be missed. Angie & Rick

Angela Raub - October 05, 2024 at 06:15 PM