



Lester P. (Pat) Helmer, an avid believer, left his earthly existence on April 22, 2020. Preceded in death by adored father and mother, Lester and Celia Helmer. Born 1-8-39, it was his prayer to enter into eternal life with his Lord and Savior as well as all the special ones gone on before and those to follow. Pat is survived by the great love of his life and wife of 55 years, Betty J. Helmer, cherished only child Todd P. Helmer and his wife Andrea Renae, grandchildren Macy Jayne and Wesley Patrick. Pat took great pride in a life of principled independence and during various eras placed high priorities on golf, coaching youth sports, easy listening music with Betty and a martini, and, in later years his "Z" cars, a legacy from his Uncle Chester. Served in USAF Reserve and called to active duty in 1968 when the Koreans took The Pueblo. He had a lifelong interest in financial markets and an ability to make people laugh through a way and often self-deprecating sense of humor, which gave him immense pleasure. Finally, he wished that his most favorite song, "Far Side Banks of Jordan" by Johnny and June Carter Cash, adequately expresses his great hope and love for Betty, Todd, and all of those who chose to accept and befriend him. At Pat's request, a simple graveside service will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery for family members.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Pius X Catholic Church, The Alzheimer's Foundation, or a charity of your choice.



