

# OBITUARY

## Stephen Joseph Hurni Jr.

### PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP

Stephen Joseph Hurni, Jr., 76, of Plainfield Township, PA., passed away, Thursday, November 2, 2023, at his residence. He was the husband of Melinda W. (White) Hurni, together they celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary, December 26, 2022. Born in Sewickley, PA, June 18, 1947, he was the son of the late Stephen Joseph and Mary Anne (Klarich) Hurni, Sr. Steve was a graduate of Aliquippa High School and Clarion State College. He was the President of Diversified Insurance Services, Inc., that he purchased in 1987.

Steve was a member of the Bangor Elks since 2005, serving as a member of the audit committee and assisted with the running of the train at Bangor Park, he was a Board Member and past President of the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce, he served as a Plainfield Township Supervisor, he was a founding member of the Slate Belt Regional Police Department Commission, he was a Board Member & Founding Member of the Slate Belt Council of Governments, and he was a founding Member and Secretary of the Green Knight Economic Development Corporation.

In addition to his wife, Melinda, he is survived by his sister in law, Vicki White Brookshire and her husband Tom, numerous cousins and extended family members.

Following Steve's wishes, all services will be private with interment to be held at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery, Aliquippa. The Ruggiero Funeral Home, LLC, Pen Argyl is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be offered at [www.ruggierofuneral-home.com](http://www.ruggierofuneral-home.com).

In lieu of flowers and food, memorial donations may be offered in Steve's name to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, <https://www.npcf.us/donate-directly/> P.O. Box 189, Box Elder, SD 57719

## Route 611 Roadwork Update

By Rep. Ann Flood

PEN ARGYL - PennDOT has been coordinating with the National Park Service (NPS) for approval of the submitted Special Use Permit (SPU) to mobilize and scale locations of loose rock throughout the closure of Route 611. PennDOT had an in-person meeting with NPS on Sept. 28 and an on-location meeting with staff on Oct. 17 to further clarify the previous discussion.

During these meetings, they reviewed and identified new locations for scaling and vegetation that will need to be removed. They have a grasp on what the physical scope entails and have a newly revised list of scaling locations.

PennDOT has received the requested authorization from NPS to mobilize and begin cutting and clearing vegetation to prepare the site for contractors once the work permit is issued. NPS still will not commit to a time but has stated they believe they are close to issuing an SPU. Once the scaling begins, the goal remains the same – to open one lane after scaling until the project is completed.

Route 611 was closed last December due to a rockslide. Because the affected section of Route 611 goes through Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the National Park Service needs to sign off on the work and issue a special permit. With required paperwork taking months to move between state and federal agencies, the construction has gone on longer than anticipated.



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By Adrienne Fors

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