

A wonderful and beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, Ivan Emil Pechnik peacefully passed away at his home in Gainesville, Georgia, and went to his Heavenly home on October 28, 2022, after being recently diagnosed with cancer. Ivan was 83 years old. He is survived by Frances Pechnik, his wife of 38 years, three children, Steven (Kim) Weiss, Cheryl (Rusty) Trump, and Charles (Lydia) Weiss, and eight grandchildren: Taylor (Chris) Saunders, Ben Weiss, Tyler (Heather) Trump, Tatiana Trump, Carter Trump, Parker Trump, Isaiah Weiss, and Gabby Weiss. He is predeceased by his parents, Anka and Ayonko Pechnik, and his sister, Nada Pechnik. Although Ivan only resided in Gainesville for the last couple of years, he was previously a resident of Cumming, Georgia, for 25 years.

Born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, a small town just outside of Toronto, Ivan lived near the railroad tracks and developed a life-long fascination with trains. In his youth, he also enjoyed riding his bike and playing the ukulele. After attending a year of college, Ivan eventually became an over the road truck driver for nearly 60 years and retired at the age of 80. It was on a delivery down to Florida where he met his wife, Fran. As an adult, he enjoyed family gatherings, vacations, holidays, attending church, and spending time with friends and neighbors. In addition to his interest in trains, he also enjoyed working out at the gym, sports cars, watching NASCAR and football, as well as reading the Wall Street Journal and watching CNBC to keep up on business news and the stock market.

A long-time member of Perimeter Church, Ivan looked forward to attending services every Sunday, where he served in the Coffee Bar for many years. He was also active in Daybreak, a weekly men's bible study. A loving father to his children and grandchildren, "Pappy" was highly involved in their lives, and a role model and friend to them. Ivan was extremely personable, always had an authentic encouraging word, an uplifting sense of humor and leaves behind a legacy of love, encouragement, gratitude, laughter, and faith.

# MEMORIAL SERVICE HONORING THE LIFE OF Ivan Emil "Pappy" Pechnik

*April 7, 1939 - October 28, 2022*



November 7, 2022

12:00 p.m.

Cecil B. Day Chapel of Perimeter Church

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.  
Psalm 23:6 NIV

## *A Note of Thanks*

Our family is extremely grateful for the overwhelming outpouring of love, prayers, and support that we have received. Ivan "Pappy" Pechnik had a great love for his family and friends. Whenever he spent time with someone, he was present in the moment, which allowed him to build close relationships. The fact that so many people wanted to be here is a true testament of a life well lived. On behalf of our entire family, please accept our deepest thanks!

## *In Lieu of Flowers*

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society at <https://donate3.cancer.org> in memory of Ivan Pechnik.

## *Pallbearers*

Tyler Trump  
Carter Trump  
Ben Weiss

Parker Trump  
Isaiah Weiss  
Chris Saunders

## *Share an Encouragement*

Notecards are available at the reception for guests to provide a memory, a scripture or story about Ivan. Please share an encouragement for the family to cherish and treasure. Thank you.

## **Order of Service**

Family Processional <i>Ave Maria</i>	Pam Hamilton Olivia Weber
Welcome and Prayer	Rev. John Weber
Scripture Reading Psalm 23 NIV	Taylor Saunders
Family Tributes	Steve Weiss Cheryl Trump Tyler and Parker Trump Fred Smith
Presentational Song <i>I Can Only Imagine</i>	Pam Hamilton
Pastoral Message	Rev. John Weber
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. John Weber
Congregational Song <i>Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone</i>	Michelle Swift Pam Hamilton Olivia Weber
Closing Announcements	Rev. John Weber
Benediction	Rev. John Weber
Family Recessional <i>I Will Rise</i>	Olivia Weber Pam Hamilton Michelle Swift

*All are invited to the Ministry Center  
to join the family for a reception.*