

Jerome Joseph Szelong Mary Ann (Sacco) Szelong

October 13, 1932 - November 9, 2025

December 14, 1927 - December 2, 2025

Jerome Joseph Szelong and Mary Ann (Sacco) Szelong, devoted husband and wife of 66 years, passed away peacefully within weeks of one another after brief illnesses —Jerry on November 9, and Mary on December 2. Jerry was born on October 13, 1932, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mary was born on December 14, 1927, in New Rochelle, New York. Their life together began in Sacramento, California, where they met at a church social. At the time, Jerry was stationed at McClellan Air Force Base, working on software development for the U.S. Air Force's first mainframe computer, and Mary had recently relocated from New York with her extended family. Following a brief courtship, they were married on October 25, 1958,



beginning a partnership defined by shared values, intellectual curiosity, faith, and generosity. For nearly 30 years, Mary and Jerry were active parishioners at St. Francis, where their faith found daily expression in service to others. Jerry generously shared his talents by tutoring high school students in STEM subjects and by using his skills in photography and publishing to document parish events and community life. Mary was deeply committed to social justice and volunteer work, including counseling juvenile inmates and supporting those most in need with compassion and resolve. They are survived by their children, Joseph, Michael, and Maryann; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild, Ella.