



## Rev. Joseph Allan Panuska S.J.

July 3, 1927 - February 28, 2017

Rev. Joseph Allan Panuska, S.J., the longest-serving president in the history of the University of Scranton, died February 28, 2017 at Manresa Hall, Merion Station, PA after a long illness. He was the son of the late Joseph W. Panuska and Barbara (Praeller) Panuska. In addition to his Jesuit brothers, Father is survived by many devoted nieces and nephews. Father received a PhD. in biology from St. Louis University and completed post doctoral work at Cambridge University, England. A distinguished career in cryobiology and research was interrupted by the call to serve as Provincial of the Maryland Provincial Jesuits from 1973 until 1979. Shortly thereafter he served as President of the University of Scranton from 1982 until 1998. He then served as Rector of St. Isaac Jogues Jesuit Community in Wernersville for six years. From 2004 - 2008 he returned as President Emeritus to Scranton University. In retirement, he prayed for the Church and the Society of Jesus and its varied ministries. Visitation at Manresa Hall, 261 City Ave., Merion Station, PA, Thursday, March 2 from 2 until 4:30 p.m., followed by Wake Service at 4:30 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 3 at St. Matthias Church, 128 Bryn Mawr Ave., Bala-Cynwyd, PA 19004 at 10:30 a.m. Viewing in the Church from 9 until 10:15 a.m. Interment Jesuit Cemetery, Wernersville, PA Condolences to [www.dinanfuneralhome.com](http://www.dinanfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Jesuit Cemetery**

Wernersville, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Joseph Allan Panuska S.J.*

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“ *Thank-you Father Panuska for your outstanding commitment and leadership to the University of Scranton and the Jesuits. More importantly, you are the "gold standard" for a life well lived in Christ! While your earthly family and many friends grieve your loss, we also celebrate your so richly deserved reward of eternal life in paradise in the loving arms of our Holy Family and surrounded by all the saints. Please pass on my best wishes to Father Rock, S.J. and Dr. Joseph F. Harrington - U of S Class of 1951 in your travels.*

*God Bless You Always,  
John J. Harrington  
U of S Class of 1985.*

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**John J. Harrington** - March 03, 2017 at 11:43 AM