

EVELYN DeHONIESTO



Early morning, quietly and peacefully, Evelyn DeHoniesto, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away on June 1, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of love, strength, and compassion. Born on September 23, 1945, as the first of three children to the late Stanley and Hazel Paul, Evelyn's life journey was marked by her resilience in overcoming hardships, her nurturing spirit, and her unwavering devotion to those she held dear.

Evelyn received her education in the Pittsburgh Public School system and at a young age, she married James DeHoniesto. From their union, one child was born, James DeHoniesto II. Although they divorced early, the friendship they shared was very special, eventually becoming like siblings. Evelyn's family was the center of her world. She is survived by her loving son, James, daughter-in-law Kim, and her cherished grandchildren, James (Tre') and Kayla. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, and it was her devoted niece and nephew, Audrey and Doug Lane, who selflessly provided care during Evelyn's final days. Evelyn also embraced and welcomed others into her heart, earning the endearing titles of Mom or Grandmom from many, including Alexis, Terry, Sherry, Anthony, and countless others.

Deep friendships played a vital role in Evelyn's life. Tondalayo Thomas and Jean Smith were her trusted confidantes, engaging in heartfelt conversations about a wide range of topics, from the latest entertainment to pressing matters in politics. These cherished connections brought her immeasurable joy and comfort throughout the years.

Evelyn's spirituality was the bedrock of her existence. Her belief in a loving God and the forgiveness provided through Jesus Christ provided solace and guidance. She found immense comfort in reading the Bible, and her faith shaped her outlook on life and relationships, offering strength and unwavering support to those around her.

Evelyn possessed a special sense of style that was uniquely her own. She exuded confidence and vibrancy, often seen in her choice of outfits that radiated her inner spirit. Her love for the color red was evident in her wardrobe, and her extensive collection of shoes and purses showcased her impeccable taste.

Evelyn DeHoniesto will be profoundly missed, fondly remembered for her nurturing spirit, unwavering love, steadfast faith, and the unwavering support she generously offered. As we bid farewell to this remarkable woman, let us carry forward her legacy of compassion, generosity, and faith, treasuring the memories she created and the lives she touched. May she find eternal peace in the embrace of her departed loved ones.

An informal Memorial service to celebrate Evelyn's life will be held on June 24, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at North Way Christian Community Church, located at 451 Gold Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. All those who knew and loved Evelyn are welcome to attend and share in the remembrance of her remarkable life. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to be made to Hope and a Future Project, a 501(c)3 Tax Exempt non-profit organization. Contributions can be sent to PO Box 658, Bear, DE 19701. Tax ID# 01-0933809.

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