

GLORIA A. HANAWALT



Gloria A. Hanawalt, 77, of Emmaus, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 2nd, 2023, at Lehigh Valley Hospital Hospice, surrounded by her family.

Gloria was born in Pittsburgh on December 27, 1945, to Anthony and Jeannette Figliolia. She grew up in the Mount Washington area and later met her husband, Bob Hanawalt, while he was attending the University of Pittsburgh. They married on April 1, 1967, and lived in Philadelphia, Cincinnati, and Cleveland, where their three children, Kristi (deceased), Rob, and Scott were born. They moved to Allentown, PA as a family in 1974 and have resided in the area for 49 years. She was a devoted member of St. Ann's church in Emmaus and an active supporter of the Arc of Lehigh Valley and Via of the Lehigh Valley, both which provided assistance to her daughter Kristi throughout the years.

Gloria leaves a legacy of compassionate service, love, laughter, and strength. A genuine true friend, her kind heart and selfless spirit will be missed by many. Nothing was more important to Gloria than her family. In addition to her husband, Bob, she is survived by her brothers, Vincent and George Figliolia of Orlando, FL; her sons, Rob (Liz) and Scott (Jill); and her four grandchildren, Logan (17), Chase (16), Cassidy (14) and Max (14), who will all cherish the memories and close bonds they have built with their loving grandmother. This spring, Gloria attended the dedication of the new Kristi Hanawalt Life Skills Center in Allentown. Named after her beloved daughter, the center was opened by Via of the Lehigh Valley to provide services to meet a critical need for younger adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

A Mass of Christian Burial in Gloria's honor will be celebrated on Monday, July 17th at 11 AM in St. Ann #39's Catholic Church, 415 S. 6th St., Emmaus. Visitation will be held in the church from 9:00 - 10:45 AM. SCHANTZ FUNERAL HOME, P.C., EMMAUS is handling arrangements. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Via of the Lehigh Valley. <https://www.vianet.org/ways-Donations> made in memory of Gloria or Kristi's will go directly to The Kristi Hanawalt Life Skills Center (1020 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown, PA 12345).

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