

EMELIE ROSE COSTOLO



It is with sad hearts that we announce that our beloved mother, wife, sister, and grandmother, Emelie Rose Costolo, has passed away on Sunday, July 16, 2023 in Bluffton, South Carolina, at the age of 98.

Emelie was born in the North Side of Pittsburgh, PA in 1925, and was raised in the Beechview section of the South Hills of Pittsburgh. Emelie attended South Hills High School and had a career

as an Executive Secretary at a Commercial Real Estate firm in Pittsburgh. Prior to her business career, Emelie had a tour in the Hormel Girls Caravan in the early 1950s, a group that sang, played instruments, and danced in shows, and sold Hormel products store-to-store while traveling the country.

After a few years back working in Pittsburgh, Emelie met her husband Herb in a church choir in Avalon, PA, where they were invited as paid singers to augment the choir. They were married on Sept. 30, 1961, and were married for 61 years, raising three sons in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. Emelie was devoted to her family, her faith, and her career, of which she retired from in 1993. She was a member of Northmont Presbyterian Church, where she sang in the choir along with her husband. In her retirement years, Emelie enjoyed traveling to visit family and friends, singing in her church choir, and being a proud grandparent. Emelie has most recently been a member of Lowcountry Presbyterian Church in Bluffton, South Carolina.

Emelie is survived by her loving husband, Herbert L. Costolo, Jr.; son John W. Costolo (wife Tracy, grandsons Joshua, Levi, Tyler); son Ronald E. Costolo; daughter-in-law Lisa E. Costolo (grandson Ben, granddaughter Erin); brother Gustave W. Doerfler; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Aleane G. (Cooper) and Gustave A. Doerfler; sister Virginia A. McCormick; and son Herbert L. Costolo III.

A Viewing and Memorial Service will be held on Wed., July 26th, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, at **SAUL'S FUNERAL HOME** in Bluffton, SC. Emelie will reside in Mt. Royal Cemetery in Glenshaw, PA. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be considered to one of their two churches (Lowcountry Presbyterian Church or Northmont United Presbyterian Church), or to a favorite charity of choice, in Emelie's name.

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