

JUDITH (CHOLEWSKI) PROCOPIO



Judith (Cholewski) Procopio, 69, of Wexford, PA passed away on August 3rd, 2023. Daughter to the late Bernard and Ruthie Cholewski; wife of 31 years to Samuel Procopio. She is survived by her sister, Donna Hemmila; brothers-in-law, Anthony (Annamarie) and Michael (Joan) Procopio; sister-in-law, Renee Procopio; nephews, Soren (Linda) Hemmila, Christopher, Michael, and Matthew Procopio; nieces, Maria (Marc) McCormack,

Julia and Nina Procopio; and great-nieces and great-nephew, Eliana, Siena, Sophia, and Alexander.

Judy grew up in Garfield, attending Immaculate Conception Grade School and the all-girls Holy Ghost High School. She graduated from Robert Morris College and earned a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh. For a time, she worked alongside her mother, Ruth Cholewski, at Ruthie's Restaurant in Sharpsburg.

After several years working in various private medical practices, she found her true calling when she dedicated her career to improving the delivery of healthcare to patients, especially within the surgical disciplines. She started at UPMC in June of 2006 as a Division Administrator for Plastic Surgery. In 2010 she moved to the position of Division Administrator of Surgical Oncology, a post that she continued to hold even as she ascended to lead the department. In 2017 she was promoted to Executive Administrator for the Department of Surgery and in 2020 added the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery to her administrative responsibilities. She loved her job and was the consummate professional.

Aside from her work, Judy enjoyed biking and dancing, though she only truly excelled at the latter. She loved playing with and caring for her cats and liked to relax by watching cooking shows of all sorts. She was famous for her own chocolate chip cookies.

Friends will be received Tuesday from 6-8 PM and again on Wednesday from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME**, 806 Perry Hwy. Blessing service on Thursday at 11 AM at the funeral home.

Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](https://www.post-gazette.com/gb)