

PAULA M. (KOKAL) HRIBAR



Paula M. Hribar (Kokal), 92, passed away peacefully at Oakleaf Village in Lexington, SC, on August 16, 2023. Paula was born in Universal, Pennsylvania, to Frank and Pauline (Kacin) Kokal. Paula was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Rudy; brothers, Frank Kokal and Paul Kokal; sisters, Kathryn Rusnock, Theresa Potts, and Mary Jane Rutherford. Paula is survived by her children, Barbara Seward (Jay) Chapin,

SC; Mark Hribar (Lori) of Jacksonville, FL; Elizabeth Doleski of Erie, PA; Lisa Studsrud (Corey) of Matamoras, PA; grandchildren, Kathryn Seward (Kevin Tora), Elizabeth Seward, Alex Doleski (Jarrod Hull), Matthew Studsrud, Valeri Doleski; great-granddaughter Elaside Tora; sister-in-law, Ruzena (Varcova) Kokal and many nieces, nephews and their families. Paula loved caring for her family and followed their many life endeavors. "Spela" as she was often called, treasured time spent with grandchildren and extended family. Her hobbies included cooking, sewing, ceramics, gardening, and card games. She loved cheering for all Pittsburgh sports teams.

Paula was passionate about her Slovenian ancestry and was an active member of the Slovene Heritage Association, Acmetonia Slovenian Club, and SNPJ. Paula and Rudy's love for Slovenian music took them to many venues in the USA to see their favorite polka bands perform along with traveling overseas to visit their Slovenian family. Over the years Paula was a member of the Red Hats and Cambridge Manor Bells. She organized the monthly coffee and donuts as well as other gatherings at Cambridge Manor. The family sends a heartfelt "Thank You" to Oakleaf Village Assisted Living and Four Seasons Hospice for the amazing love and care that Paula received during her years there. A memorial service will be planned for the future at Plum Creek Cemetery, 670 Center New Texas Road, Pittsburgh, PA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Slovene Radio Hour, 381 F Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15209, 412-822-7742. Memories and messages may be shared with the family on Paula's tribute page at www.whitakerfuneralhome.com. **WHITAKER FUNERAL HOME** is honored to serve the Hribar family.

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