

EVELYN F. COLLIER

"BOOTS"

At the well-lived age of 97, "Boots" went home to be with her heavenly Father and Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on March 17, 2023. (For those with faith in Christ, "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.")

Born February 27, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Clara C. and John A. Forster, wife of the late Stanley A Collier, sister of the late Kathryn (Dempsey) Harrison, John A. (Dolores) Forster, Jr. and Conrad C. (surviving Evelyn) Forster; precious mother of Beverly Collier; beloved aunt of Janice (late Jim) Reed, late Sharon Kay and "Corky" Harrison, and Diane (Gary) Stidle, Chuck Forster, Sandy Forster, the late Mark (Monika) Forster, and John (Donna) Forster. Also survived by many great-nieces and nephews, cousins, and extended family and friends.

Raised in Brookline, Boots graduated from South Hills High School, but spent most of her adult life in Ingram. She was always very active in a variety of church roles and, after retiring from Bell Telephone/Verizon, her calendar was full of social luncheons, emails and Internet searches, bowling (until age 90 when she fell down the steps and broke both wrists), baking for neighbors, phone calls to friends and family, and travel.

She was a confidant to many, fervent prayer warrior, chauffeur, banker (lent money to those in need), donor (to many charities), handywoman, seamstress, hotelier (housed a few people in need), caregiver to her late father-in-law, and constantly devoted mother and faithful "helpmate" to Bev.

Always thinking of others before herself, Boots modeled a servant lifestyle of selflessness and quiet faith exhibited through abiding humility and great kindness and generosity. She enriched the lives of all who knew her (young and old) and totally changed the course of a few.

While her last three months were very difficult, Boots was greatly blessed to live almost her entire life free from physical pain or health issues. Toward the end, she was ready and unafraid "to go." While those of us left behind mourn this separation time immensely, "we do not mourn as those without hope," knowing we can be reunited with her later. Her living and dying fervent prayer for all she knew was that they would "believe on the name of Jesus and be saved"—and that she would see everyone again in heaven.

A memorial service followed by a dinner will be held Saturday, September 16th, at 3:30 p.m. in St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 55 Forsythe Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. If desired, memorial contributions can be made to the church. Arrangements are entrusted to **ANTHONY G. STAAB FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 900 Chartiers Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15220. To read the full obituary or to leave a memory of Boots, visit our website: www.staabfuneral.com/obituary/Evelyn-Collier.

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