

PETRA T. PAPST



Age 71, of Coraopolis, PA passed away after a short but fierce battle with pancreatic cancer on September 2, 2023. Petra was born to Peter and Eleanor (Bogdan) Papst on April 4, 1952. After graduating from Sto-Rox High School, she attended Slippery Rock College for several years before settling into a career in retail and management.

Petra had a lifelong love of playing and watching sports and was an avid fan of the

many professional Pittsburgh teams. Her true passion, though, was her family. Though she never had children of her own, she was a loyal daughter and sister, proud godmother of four, aunt of six, and great-aunt to seven. Petra attended every recital, ballgame, and event she could, and she joyfully added t-shirts to her ever-growing collection to represent each of her loved ones.

Petra always remained close with her classmates from high school and dedicated much of her adult life to the care and well-being of her mother. She was loved for her sense of humor, generosity of spirit, dedication, and her perfectly made pizzelles. Like her much beloved Snoopy, she will be remembered for her empathy, perseverance, and confident individuality.

Petra is survived by her sister, Beth (Papst) and brother-in-law, James Andoga; niece, Nicole (Blake) Miller; nephews, Andrew (Sara) Andoga, Steven (Brittany) Knoll, Kevin (Nila) Knoll, Keith (Amanda) Knoll, Jonathan (Colby) Knoll; goddaughter, Michelle Cozzo; and godson, Cody Caplinger; and longtime best friend (our sister from another mother) Marla Liberatore. She is also survived by her great-niece and nephews, Jackson Andoga, Liam Andoga, Aidan Miller, Gabriel Miller, Eleanor Knoll, Hudson Knoll, and Heath Knoll. She is preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Eleanor Papst; and sister, June (Papst) Knoll and brother-in-law, Dennis Knoll.

Special thanks to the nurses, doctors, and staff of Allegheny General Hospital, who showed both Petra and her family incredible care and compassion during her last days.

Friends and family will be received on Friday, September 15, 2023 from 1-3 PM and 6-8 PM at **McDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME**, 334 Forest Grove Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

A funeral prayer will be held at 9:15 AM at the funeral home followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM at Archangel Gabriel Parish, St. Malachy Church, 343 Forest Grove Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108. In honor of Petra's love of Pittsburgh sports, we encourage and invite all those attending her funeral to wear a jersey representing their favorite Pittsburgh team. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Petra's name to TACA: The Autism Community in Action (<https://tacanow.org/donate/>). Condolences may be expressed at www.mcdermottfuneralhome.com

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