

CECELIA (COURSEY) GALLAGHER



Of Allison Park, formerly of Fox Chapel and East Pittsburgh, passed away peacefully surrounded in love by her family on Friday, September 8, 2023.

Beloved mother of Michael, Shawn (Sara), and Megan; cherished "Grammy" of Courcy, Catherine, and Colleen Moosman, and Emelia and William Gallagher; devoted sister of Jean (Coursey) Beaufort; proud aunt of Kelly Coursey-Gray

and Ann (Eric) Crissman; wife of James; and dear lifelong friend to many. Cecelia was preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Mary Coursey, and a sister, Mary Barkley.

Cecelia was a woman of devoted faith who cherished her family and lifelong friends. She lived selflessly, with grace and dignity, and was full of spunk, endless courage, and a great deal of wisdom. She was so proud of her time spent as an expatriate in Belgium and Spain, where she raised her children to appreciate adventure and different cultures. Cecelia traveled the world, achieving the distinction of having visited all seven continents and many of the holiest sites. Always doting and loving, Cecelia's greatest joy was taking care of her children and exceptionally adored grandchildren. She celebrated every achievement and quietly soothed the deepest wounds. She showered her loved ones with treasures found on shopping excursions or trips to Costco. Cecelia loved gathering around her beautifully appointed table, laughing and telling stories with family and friends over plates of homemade pie. Her home was never without dogs, and she was proud to have owned rough collies, Bouviers des Flandres, German shepherds, and a pug. Cecelia's was a life well-lived, and her legacy of deep faith, strength, and optimism will sustain all who were privileged enough to know her.

Family will receive friends Wednesday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at **SHELLHAAS & SONS FUNERAL HOME**, 1600 Stone Mansion Drive, Franklin Park. Mass of Christian burial to be celebrated on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in St. Luke the Evangelist, Sts. John & Paul Church, 2586 Wexford Bayne Road, Franklin Park, followed by interment at Ligonier Valley Cemetery, 105 Nicely Road, Ligonier.

In lieu of flowers, donations to one of Cecelia's favorite charities: Association of the Miraculous Medal, 1811 West Saint Joseph Street, Perryville, MO 63775, (800) 264-MARY (6279), or online at www.amm.org (click "Support AMM"); Carmelite Friars Development Center, P.O. Box 868, Middletown, NY 10940, (845) 344-0876, or online at www.carmelitedevelopment.org (click "Donate"); or Franciscan Mission Associates, P.O. Box 598, Mount Vernon, NY 10551, (914) 664-5604, or online at www.franciscanmissionassoc.org (click "Support Our Work" and then "Become a Supporter").

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