

JO ANNE R. DEES



Age 93, born October 26, 1929 in Pittsburgh, PA, died August 24, 2023 in her home in Phoenix, AZ. She was the beloved wife of the late John Dees, the daughter of the late Meyer and Blanche Rosen, and sister of the late Alice (Stanley) Marks.

Jo Anne is survived by her stepson, John DeJeu (Linda), loving granddaughter, Jennifer Dees (Jason Golec), cherished great-grandchildren, Issac and Penny Golec, loving niece and close friend, Carolan (Tom) Engel, great-nephew, Matthew (Sarah) Engel, great niece, Lauren (Jim) Gottermeyer, devoted friend, Sally Krogmeier, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Jo Anne graduated from Schenley High School in Pittsburgh and then joined the contingent of young women working in Washington DC in support of the World War II effort. After returning to Pittsburgh, Jo Anne continued her service to the country in the Naval Reserves. She married John, the love of her life, in 1957, and together they raised his son, John.

They relocated from Pittsburgh to Phoenix in 1964 where Jo Anne began a career as an administrative professional with Motorola. She retired from Motorola in 1993.

Jo Anne enjoyed many leisure activities. She followed John's lead into the world of golf. She was also an enthusiastic bowler and hiker. She enjoyed cooking and she loved to eat. Jo Anne was an adventurous traveler, and she was able to visit many parts of the world. She volunteered as an usherette at the Orpheum Theatre in Phoenix. She was an avid reader, and in retirement, gave many hours of volunteer service to her community libraries. Jo Anne was also a truly dedicated life long fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

A celebration of life will be planned.

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