

MARGUERITE (MARGE) W. WHEATLEY



Marge Wheatley passed away peacefully on September 8, 2023 at 98. Daughter of John A. and Theresa Windish, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 32 years, Thomas B. Wheatley, daughter Susan, her brother Jack Windish and sister Theresa Meyer. She is survived by son Tom Wheatley and daughters Joan T., Maureen (Mark Cosgrove) of Doylestown, PA and Janet

L. Wheatley. Following graduation from Coraopolis High School in 1943, Marge worked as a lab clinician at Lewis Foundry. At age 20, she enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served through the end of World War II, reaching the rank of Corporal. Her service was very meaningful to her and she reminisced about it even as her memory faded. After the war, she attended Duquesne University on the GI Bill. She and Tom met, married, and settled in Moon Township to raise their five kids. Tom was City Editor of the Pittsburgh Press while Marge ran the household. They were charter members of St. Margaret Mary Parish, and enjoyed the arts and socializing with their many friends. Penn State homecoming weekend was a highlight of every Fall. Tom's death left Marge a widow at age 57. Looking for a new direction in life, she soon found her footing working as an aide at St. Margaret Mary Kindergarten, where she was a natural with the children. She also volunteered at Travelers Aide at the Pittsburgh Airport for 19 years and later volunteered for many years at Girls Hope, a home for at-risk youth. Marge had a creative flair. She played piano, did crewel needlework, and learned to sew clothes for herself and her daughters. She had a zest for learning and travel. With friends and family, she traveled to places as diverse as China, Europe and the Caribbean. She took classes in cooking, photography, and computers, among others, and was a voracious reader. Marge never considered her age when she approached a new adventure. She was in her 60s when she took up downhill skiing and in her 70s when she began figure skating lessons. She was a regular in fitness classes at Silver Sneakers and a daily walker. Marge had a green thumb and could be found working in her flower gardens daily. She was a marvelous cook, but was most fond of baking. She loved to entertain, hosting dinners for the extended family at the holidays and special occasions until slowed by health issues in her 90s. She was a remarkable woman, wife, mother, friend, advisor, and confidant to several generations of offspring. She was Grammage to her three beloved grandchildren: Tom (Paige) Wheatley, Katie Robles, and Caroline Wheatley (Santana Diaz) and her adored great-grandchildren: Sequoia Robles, Cassidy Wheatley, and Leia and Alani Diaz; and was a loving Aunt Margie to dozens of nieces and nephews. The family is deeply grateful for the exceptional loving care provided by Care Comfort Hospice and Amedisys Home Care. Details of her memorial service will be provided at a later date on the **COPELAND** website Copelandfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to West Hills Meals on Wheels (1205 Ridge Ave, Coraopolis, PA 15108).

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