

MARGARET (BENNION) TRAFICANTE

"PEGGY"



Of Cranberry Twp., formerly of Churchhill, passed away peacefully Thursday, September 28, 2023. As anyone that loved her can attest to, Peggy was THE BEST mother, grandmother, wife, aunt and sister. Her huge heart, strength, dedication to family, and limitless generosity is remembered in the hearts of her loved ones.

Born in Forest Hills on December 29, 1933, Peggy had a challenging upbringing.

Resilient despite her struggles, she thrived at Wilkesburg high school where she was named Prom Queen and met Tony, her future husband. With a deep love of family and caring nature, Peggy quickly won over Tony's mother and sisters and quickly became an "Honorary Italian". After Tony and Peggy married, they soon had three daughters, Linda, Cindy and Sherry. Peggy was an incredible mother and fostered a generosity & love of family in her girls that remains a huge part of her legacy today. Outside of raising the girls and supporting Tony, Peggy worked part-time at the family dental practice in Penn Hills.

Even in her interests and talents, Peggy prioritized others. When she gracefully carved her way down the ski slopes, she always did so with family close by. When she cooked her most labor-intensive recipes, like stuffed cabbage, apple pie, or manicotti, it was always to the benefit of a lucky loved one or neighbor in need. Even when she gambled, (her only occasional vice), Peggy distributed all winnings evenly to her six grandchildren.

Together with Tony, Peggy lived life fully. Her loved ones take comfort in their reunion and remember her by cooking her cherished recipes (never as good as Gram), playing the Eagles greatest hits, sending Hallmark cards, and reading Women's Day. Her legacy of incredible selflessness & love will always be remembered by anyone who was fortunate enough to know her.

Peggy was preceded in death by her husband Tony; her sister, Dee; and her daughter, Cindy. Surviving are her daughters, Linda Laratonda (Dave) of Lower Burrell and Sherry Sarver (Larry) of Mars; her grandchildren, Kira (Steve), Kaylyn, Taylor, Jordan, Maggie and Alex; and her great-grandchildren, Ella and Lyla.

Arrangements are private under the direction of the **MCDONALD-AEBERLI FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 238 Crowe Ave. Mars, PA and condolences are available at www.mcdonald-aeberli.com. Memorials may be made to the ALS Association (als.org).

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