

# MARLENE K. REITER

November 12, 1933 - October 7, 2023



Marlene K. Reiter, formally of Gibsonia, went to heaven surrounded by her children and grandchildren on October 7, 2023. She loved praying her rosary and fitting that she died on the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary. Marlene was a devoted daughter to the late Katherine Ann (Schobel) and Curtis Herman Toperzer of West Mifflin. She was also a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to so

many. She never missed a family member's birthday with the "perfect" card and a personal message. After high school graduation, Marlene attended a business school in Pittsburgh and worked as an executive secretary for U.S. Steel Company before meeting the love of her life, Joe.

Marlene was the beloved wife of 39 years to the late Joseph Harry Reiter of Castle Shannon; and a loving mother to their six children: Melanie (the late Hampton "Max") Ballard of Gibsonia, Marla (Dr. Gerald) Goltz of Sewickley, Joan Reinheimer of Sewickley, John (Catherine Collins) Reiter of Hagerstown, Maryland, the late Mary Reiter and Janice (Richard) Mull of Plum.

Marlene was affectionately known as "Grams" to her 17 grandchildren: Emilie (Joe) Gaeta of Gibsonia, Sara (Anthony) DiDomenico of Butler, Rachel (Mike) Divens of Penn-Trafford, Zachary Ballard of Oakland, and Jacob (Kaylyn) Ballard of Wexford; Marissa (Joseph) Maslowski of Broadview Heights, Ohio and Joseph Goltz of Bradford Woods; Nicholas Reinheimer of Hawaii, Conrad Reinheimer of Hawaii, Harrison Reinheimer of Syracuse, New York, Sophia Reinheimer of Sewickley and Everett Reinheimer of Fort Gordon, Georgia; Peter and Philip Reiter of Pittsburgh and Stephen Reiter of Hagerstown, Maryland; and Erica, Nathan and the late Jordan Mull of Plum; and 11 great-grandchildren: Norah, Lucy and Claire Gaeta; Lorena, Isabella, Arturo and Enzo DiDomenico; and Hannah and Aubrey Divens. Marlene was excited about the arrival of two additional great-grandchildren, and the future twins of Marissa and Joe Maslowski in early 2024.

Marlene leaves behind many wonderful friends and caretakers at LGAR Health and Rehabilitation Center including her devoted roommate Dona.

Marlene was a devout Catholic and believed strongly in the power of prayer, especially the intercession of the Blessed Mother. She was known for her holiday family parties, was an avid baker, especially Christmas cookies, and loved playing games with her family, especially Pictionary, Trouble, Scrabble, cards, and bingo.

Family and friends will be received on Friday, October 13, 2023, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at **SCHELLHAAS & SONS FUNERAL HOME**, 1600 Stone Mansion Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143 (Franklin Park/Wexford). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Church of St. Aidan Parish, Wexford, PA. Prayers and burial are to follow in the Holy Savior Chapel Mausoleum at the Holy Savior Cemetery, Gibsonia, PA.

In lieu of flowers, at Marlene's request, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or [st.jude.org](http://st.jude.org). Please leave all condolences at [www.schellhaasfh.com](http://www.schellhaasfh.com).

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