

# MARY JOANNE (COLLINS) MYERS



Mary Joanne (Collins) Myers, lovingly known as Joanne, 90, of Ross Township, PA, Summit, NJ and Scottsdale, AZ died peacefully in Scottsdale, AZ with her children by her side Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Loving wife for 61 years to the late Philip J. Myers; adored mother to Philip (Diane), Michelle, Kevin (Wendy), Mary (died in infancy), Mary Elizabeth (Matt) Johnson, Sean (Amy)

and Maggie (Aaron) Songer. Joanne will be sadly missed by her 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, each of whom had a special relationship with their grandmother. Joanne will join her cherished parents, Mary (Patton) and Dennis Collins; late sisters, Margaret, Sara, Rosemary, Maureen; and her late brothers, Michael, Dennis, James and John in heaven. Born in the West End, Joanne went to St. James High School in Pittsburgh. She met Phil, her husband-to-be in the school play and they married in 1957; seven children followed. Joanne's light burned brightly and was shared generously throughout her life. She had the gift of being a natural nurturer to her children and was present to welcome every grandchild into this world. She was a voracious reader and a gifted writer. Her love of faith and family were always front and center in her life. Her later years were spent as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Sebastian Parish with her husband Phil. She was our teacher and mentor; her gentle wisdom grew with each decade of life and was greatly appreciated by friends and family. She was our matriarch and is held so closely in all of our hearts. Her style was pure elegance till the end. Her laughter and giggles are sounds we will miss. She was the keeper of our family memories which will now live on in us. We will carry her essence in our eternal family flame.

The family would like to thank the staff at Eckstein Center, Hospice of the Valley in Scottsdale AZ for their gentle loving care of her during her final days.

Friends received Sunday, October 22, 2023, 1-5 p.m. **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME**, 806 Perry Hwy., North Hills. Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, St. Sebastian Church in Ross Township on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, online donations to Saint Vincent de Paul at: Make a One-Time Gift Now - Faith Direct (In the note, please include: Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Sebastian's Joanne Myers Memorial gift). Alternatively, a donation by mail to: "Saint Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, St. Sebastian, 800 Avila Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

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