

JEANNE MACOLINO DiNARDO

Jeanne, 85, passed away on November 6, 2023, due to complications from COPD. She was surrounded by loved ones saying the Hail Mary and playing Andreas Bocelli, one of her favorites.

Former longtime resident of Upper St. Clair, Jeanne was the cherished wife to the late George P. DiNardo; and mother to George V. (Sheila), Steven (passed in 2016, Claire), Peter (Donna), Michael (Midian) and David (Melissa) DiNardo; and adored grandmother to PJ, Ellie, Colin, Georgina, Alexis, George and Jenna.

Jeanne lived a life of service and sacrifice, rarely placing her own needs first. The eighth of nine children, family was the center of her life. She met her future husband after graduating from Eastside High in Paterson and dedicated herself to being a wife and foremost a mother. But later in life, after losing her husband and having her kids grown, she shifted that dedication to serving her beloved St. Ben's. Until her health problems grew too severe, it was a haven for her, and she loved helping serve coffee, dinners with parishioners, knowing daily mass attendees and conversations with parish priests.

Jeanne was an introvert, and at times aloof, but most often she was a woman who loved and who grew. Her kids recall dad describing her first meatballs as "hockey pucks," so mom dedicated herself to becoming an exceptional cook. Dad eventually dreamed of her opening her own restaurants. For two decades, Sundays were spent in her dining room enjoying her amazing cooking. Never following a formal recipe, it has been tough to replicate her work.

Similarly, Jeanne was an anchor in the Montclair/Upper St. Clair social scene, hosting and attending regular Bridge nights, hosting Monday Night football gatherings of "the husbands," and attending every athletic event for her sons. They knew she was there when she screamed in fear that they might get hurt.

Her husband's work took him on many trips. Embarrassed by her first performance on a golf course, Jeanne again showed her steely resolve and became an outstanding golfer, getting her first hole-in-one on February 16, 2002 at The Landings, GA - their dream retirement course. Upon returning to the Pittsburgh area, she became one of the first full-time female members at Valley Brook Country Club, though showing her deferential nature, refused to ask to play on Wednesdays. She surpassed her husband in tennis and bowling. She was known as a disciplined coupon cutter, and though she did not want to, followed her husband to Singapore for the final phase of his career. Though it lasted longer than she expected, she kept in touch with her children by writing lovely letters to them, hosting each of them in Singapore and enjoyed traveling throughout Southeast Asia with George.

As a mother, Jeanne was amazing to her children, preparing all their meals and trying to discipline them. She just didn't have a "mean streak" and five rambunctious boys often got her goat. That often led to her forgetting which one she was trying to call on, and on one occasion to mistakenly call the police on them. When they could not effectively mow the lawn, Jeanne took on the duty. The interior and exterior of her home would always be immaculate. When the boys demanded a dog, but failed to care for it properly, Jeanne took on the duty of caring for "Duke." She hated dogs, but did the work, and then donated him to a farm.

Jeanne's example of service to family remains an inspiration.

A Funeral Mass in Jeanne's honor will be held on Friday, November 24, at 10:00 am at St. John XXIII Parish (St. Benedict the Abbot Church), 120 Abington Drive, McMurray, PA 15317.

If desired, please consider donations to the American Diabetes Association in honor of "Mrs. George P. DiNardo" - a moniker she never stopped using. Please add or view tributes at www.beinhauer.com.

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