

DORIS "DORY" SAMPLES McLAUGHLIN



Doris "Dory" Samples McLaughlin, age 73, of Lake Havasu City, AZ

Passed away on October 26, 2023.

There was not a brighter smile or a more infectious laugh than Dory's. A proud graduate of Mt. Lebanon High School and the University of Georgia, Dory lived in other states but always treasured her Pittsburgh roots. After college, Dory took her bubbly personality to the friendly

skies of United Airlines as a flight attendant. Later while raising her two daughters, she taught in New Jersey public schools. She then followed her heart to Arizona where she and high school sweetheart, Steve, were married in 2005. Together they owned and operated Northwest Land Surveying in Lake Havasu City. Dory continued to enthusiastically cheer on the 'burgh's black and gold sports teams and Georgia Bulldawgs.

Dory is remembered as "one who lit up a room," kind and thoughtful, topped off with her silly sense of humor and a welcoming smile to all. Her favorite words of encouragement to others when needed were "Chins Up!" One felt lucky to be her friend. Her genuine concern for others extended to the many furry friends, strays alike, she took into her home.

Dory loved and is survived by her husband Steve McLaughlin, daughters Gina Montefusco and Alexandra Montefusco, and four grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents J.Lyle and Eleanor Samples.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later time.

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