

## MILDRED M. "MILLIE" BOCCHINO



Age 99 of Franklin Park, formerly of Beacon, NY, on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Daughter of the late Andrew and Mildred Mason; beloved wife of the late Patrick A. Bocchino and the late Ralph L. Fleming; mother of Bob Bocchino (Debra Gazi) and Sandra (Fleming) Falloon (Jack); grandmother of Sandra Lee (Falloon) Kanuk (Stephen), Ralph Falloon (Melissa), Aleksandr Bocchino, Dmitri Bocchino and Erika

Bocchino; great-grandmother of Kyle Kanuk, Kaitlyn Kanuk, Kylie Falloon and Dylan Falloon; sister of Phyllis Mason and the late Andrew Mason. Millie was born in Peekskill, NY and grew up in Cold Spring, NY. She graduated from Haldane High School in 1941. She married Ralph L. Fleming in 1942. Ralph was killed in action during World War II in Anzio, Italy. She married Patrick Bocchino in 1952 and moved to Beacon, NY where she resided for 69 years and was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church during that time. Millie was part of the war effort working for Aero Leather Company in Beacon making bomber jackets for WWII flyers. She moved on to Kartiganer Hat Factory after the war, becoming a floor lady supervising the decoration of women's hats. She waitressed at the Ferry Diner and the original Yankee Clipper Diner, both located in Beacon and eventually joined her husband Pat at Texaco Research Lab in Beacon. She "retired" in 1955 to become a full-time mother and homemaker but that didn't stop her activity in the community. In 1962 she began volunteering at St. John the Evangelist School and worked as the office secretary until 1980. Millie always referred to any of the St. John graduates as "her kids" and loved the chance to see them around Beacon as they grew up. She enjoyed singing in the choir for many years and built a special friendship with the School Sisters of St. Francis who taught at St. Johns. She spent countless hours supporting the youth of Beacon by working in the refreshment stands of the Beacon Junior Baseball League at the minor league, little league and Babe Ruth league levels as well as the Pop Warner league, at Wilkes Field, now Beacon Memorial Park. In their retirement, they traveled extensively up and down the east coast to Florida, making new friends and visiting old ones. When they stopped traveling in their later years, they were blessed to be supported by a team that Millie called "My ladies and my guy" who made it possible for her and Pat to remain in their home until 2021, a group of true angels that she loved dearly. In April 2021, Millie and Pat moved to Pittsburgh and resided at Concordia of Franklin Park assisted living facility. Millie adapted to the change and quickly became a favorite of the staff and residents, often referred to as "Miss Millie". She always remarked how much she appreciated the care and support. Concordia was home and she was so happy to be able to be there when she passed. Throughout their 70 years together, Millie was devoted to her husband Pat and their family and was a friend to anyone who she met. Millie's special gift was to make everyone feel comfortable and positive and to know that she was there for them. A Mass of Christian Burial and a celebration of Mildred's life will be held on Tuesday, December 26, 2023, at 11 a.m. in St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Sts. John and Paul Catholic Church, Franklin Park. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation ([www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org)). Arrangements with the **GEORGE A. THOMA FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, Wexford, PA.

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