

DOROTHY "DOLLY" M. (KARPIAK) DePELLEGRIN



Age 84, a longtime resident of Plum, entered eternal rest on Saturday, December 9, 2023. Beloved mother of Ronald DePellegrin and Tracey DePellegrin; grandmother of Zachary, Spencer, and Sophia; sister of Paul Karpiak, Robert Karpiak, and Kathryn Serrao. Dolly was preceded in death by her parents, Stephen J. Karpiak and Mary (Varnak) Karpiak; and sister, Elizabeth Sandridge. Dolly is also survived by many nieces,

nephews, and other family she dearly loved, including Nancy and Richard Williams, Jamie Calabrese, Brian Connelly, Stephanie Perne, and Regina McAtee.

Dolly was devoted to family and friends, and fiercely protective of loved ones. She was well-known for her empathy, support for those in need, and ability to offer the perfect compliment to people she had just met. She never missed someone's birthday or anniversary and took great joy in creating Christmas celebrations. Her granddaughter and daughter carry on the tradition of Dolly's signature orange cookies, ambrosia salad, and legendary pineapple upside-down cake. She had a soft spot for dogs and gave 14 pups a happy home. She loved cardinals, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn", Moio's Black Forest cake, yellow roses, butterflies, the Blessed Mother, and Johnny Mathis.

From her first job as a candy counter girl at G.C. Murphy to her job as a bank teller at People's Bank of Unity to her last position as a chiropractic assistant, she found meaning and joy in helping others. She overcame many obstacles and was a woman of enduring faith. Dolly has been described as a firecracker. Friends, family, and caretakers tell stories of her perfectly-timed wit. From her early years, Dolly dressed to the nines and managed high heels with style. She was a beauty inside and out and will be forever missed.

Open visitation will be held Friday, January 5th at 10 am followed by a service at noon at **SOXMAN FUNERAL HOMES, LTD.**, 7450 Saltsburg Road (at Universal Road), Penn Hills, PA 15235. Interment will be in Plum Creek Cemetery, followed by a luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, littlesistersofthepoor.org, Animal Friends of Pittsburgh, thinkingoutsidethecage.org, or K9s for Veterans, k9sforsoldiersnfp.org.

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