

MARY VAL GENE "VAL" HERTRICK SCHULER

Mary Val Gene "Val" Hertrick Schuler, 90, of Bulger, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

Val was born on May 4, 1933, in Pittsburgh, a daughter of the late Frank and Loretta (Diggins) Hertrick. She was raised and grew up in Westwood. On January 8, 1950, Val married Joseph C. Schuler, her loving husband of 70 years. In 1958, they moved to a farm in Bulger where she dedicated 65 years to her family.

Val was a talented homemaker and was gifted in baking, cooking and sewing. She especially enjoyed quilting blankets for her family. Many fun times were spent with her husband playing cards with friends, bowling, hosting summer picnics and traveling.

The most important part of Val's life was her family. She was a loving and giving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Many valued and trusted her advice and guidance given throughout the years. It filled her with so much joy, pride and love watching her family grow into what it is today. She was extremely honored to be the last direct decedent of the Hertrick - Kearns family and you would often hear her sharing stories of her childhood with the younger generations.

Surviving are her five children, Joseph F. Schuler, Jeannine L. Schuler, Laura J. (Jon Heilman) Schuler, Susan A. Dugas and Amy J. (Ed) Schuler Shaw; 11 grandchildren, Joseph (Jeannine) Thomas, David (Mandy), Schuler, Dennis McCracken, Leigh Anne (Phil) McGivern, Sarah (Mario) Serafini, MD, Boyd (Fiona) Barker III, Matthew (Kate) Dugas, Mallory (Tyler) Kairys, Sally (Justin) Lonchar and Max Shaw; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Val was preceded in death by her loving husband, Joseph C. Schuler (July 31, 2020), her parents and her siblings, Harold Gilbert Hertrick and Lawrence Richard Hertrick.

In lieu of flowers, Val requested that a good deed be performed in her honor to keep her loving and caring spirit alive.

All arrangements are private and entrusted to **THOMAS-LITTLE FUNERAL SERVICE, INC.**, 314 W. Lincoln Ave., McDonald (724-926-2800).

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