

MARY VAL GENE "VAL" HERTRICK SCHULER

Mary Val Gene 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, the daughter of the late Frank and Loretta (Diggins) Hertrick. She 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 she enjoyed time spent baking, cooking, and sewing. She especially enjoyed quilting blankets for her family. Her laughter and fun times were with her husband playing cards, bowling, hosting summer picnics and traveling with friends and family.

The most important part of Val's life was her family. She was a loving and giving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her family 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 descendent 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, David, Julianna, Shannon and Maggie McGivern, Lucano and Camilo Serafini, Bodhi Barker IV, James, John (Jack) and Genevieve Dugas, Kennedy and Kason Lonchar.

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. She is survived by many family in-laws, nieces, nephews, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, Val requested friends and family perform a good deed 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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