

MARY LEON SOLOMON

Of West Homestead, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at age 93. Arrangements are handled by **GREEN FUNERAL HOME** in Munhall. Visitation will be December 27 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:30 p.m. The funeral service will be December 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Homestead United Presbyterian Church (908 Ann Street).

Born in Canonsburg on January 17, 1930, to Syrian immigrants, Mary was the youngest of four children of Michael and Afifi Leon, who immigrated to America through Ellis Island from a small village in northwest Syria.

Upon graduating as Salutatorian of Canonsburg High School's Class of 1947, Mary supported her parents while working at the Pennsylvania Transformer.

On October 17, 1953, Mary Leon married Michael Solomon, also of Canonsburg. The couple lived in Claysville until Mike's career with Mellon Bank took them to West Homestead in 1964, where they settled and remained active in the Steel Valley for six decades.

In the early 1980s, Mary returned to full-time work in the Office of the President of Chatham College. While there, she studied for her Bachelor's degree, graduating in 1993 at age 63.

Mary was the first published author in her family, with the 1998 publication of "Legacy to a Mill Town: Carnegie Library of Homestead." The book is in circulation at the Carnegie Library of Homestead and other Allegheny County libraries, the library at the University of Pittsburgh, and the Pennsylvania State Library in Harrisburg.

Mary was predeceased by her husband, Mike; parents, Afifi and Michael Leon; sisters, Kathryn (Cavasinni) and Elizabeth (Baisley); and brother, Isaac Leon. She is survived by her children: Timothy of Meadville, PA; Amy Solomon Leopold of California; Mary Beth (David B. Wilson) of New Jersey; and Michael (Maureen McKenna Solomon) of California; and many nieces and nephews.

Mary delighted in her grandchildren: Rachel Solomon of Rochester, NY, David Solomon (Lauren) of Beaver Falls, PA, Eva Solomon Thomas (Jeremy) of Erie, PA, and Michael Solomon Leopold, of Thousand Oaks, CA. She also was the proud great-grandmother of Leon Barrett Solomon.

Memorial donations may be made to Homestead United Presbyterian Church (homesteadupc.org) and the Carnegie Library of Homestead (carnegieofhomestead.com/donate/).

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