

# ELIZABETH J. CIAFFONI COWDEN

"CHOE"



Age 83, of Canonsburg, Cecil Township, passed away peacefully, after a long battle, surrounded by her loved ones on, Friday, December 22, 2023, in her home.

Choe was born in Canonsburg Hospital, a daughter of the late Paul and Concetta Quarture Ciaffoni. She was a native of Canonsburg her whole life. Being the baby of her family, Choe was raised on her family farm. She loved it so

much that she decided to plant her own roots there. Choe lived on the farm to her very last day.

Choe was proud to have lived on her family farm and help run her father's business. On the farm, Choe and her husband, Bob, raised cattle and Belgian horses, which she was very proud of. Knowing the ins and outs of the farm and running her father's business, made for Choe to be a very intelligent woman. She used her knowledge well and gave back to her community with it. Choe served on the Cecil Township Historical Society for many years. She also was elected Supervisor of Cecil Township for two terms. She loved her town and the history and people that came with it. Choe was strongly opinionated but the kindest and most generous person you would ever come across. She loved meeting new people and catching up with old friends. She treated every person she met as her family and her loving heart was what made those who knew her love her even more.

Surviving is her loving husband of 50 years, Robert "Bob" Cowden; sister, Virginia (the late Joseph L. Messa Sr.) Ciaffoni Messa; nephews, Joseph L. Messa Jr. and Paul E. Messa; many nephews, nieces, great-nephews, and great-nieces and many friends who loved her dearly and her beloved dog, Rusty.

Along with her parents, Choe is preceded in death by her siblings, Orlando "Lundo" Ciaffoni, Dorothy Ciaffoni, Margaret "Maggie" Ciaffoni Sociero, Robert "Bobby" Ciaffoni, Pauline Ciaffoni Myers, Lorraine Ciaffoni Erickson and Johnny Ciaffoni.

Friends and family will be received on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 from 10 a.m. – Noon at **THOMAS-LITTLE FUNERAL SERVICE, INC.**, 314 W. Lincoln Ave., McDonald (724-926-2800). A Service will be held at Noon in the funeral home on Wednesday, December 27, 2023. Interment will follow at Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory.

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