

NANCY J. MILINSKI



On Thursday, December 21, 2023, at age 87, a family lost a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and educator. Nancy was born in Mt. Oliver Boro to parents, Edgar and Marie Lutz and lived all of her life in Mt. Oliver Boro. She was a 1954 graduate of St. Joseph High School, where she excelled in her studies as well as on the basketball court. Moreover, it's where she met the love of her life, her husband Walter Milinski,

who preceded her in death. Nancy was also preceded in death by her two brothers, Edgar "Bud" Lutz and Warren "Skip" Lutz. She is survived by her five children: Suzan (Chuck) Rakaczky, Walter, Jr (Nancy), Michelle Milinski, Janine (Adam) Gross and Cheryl (the late Leon) Bonds. Nancy was also very proud of her fifteen grandchildren: Sara (Justin) Parisi, Vanessa (Andrew) Pogozelski, Ryan McCormick, Alexis (Clarence) Reynolds, Charlotte Rakaczky, Emily (Steve) Macomber, Claire (Max) Cookinham, Hannah Gross, Harrison (Samantha) Milinski, Aaron Gross, Sydney Bonds, Julian Bonds, Walter Bonds, Charles Rakaczky, Jr. and Eme Gross. She also is survived by ten loving great-grandchildren: Jasper, Tabitha, Flora, Ellis, Van, Henry, Ada, Theodosia, Bennett and Iris. Nancy also had many loving nieces and nephews.

Since her retirement as a 1st grade school teacher at St. Paul's Cathedral Catholic School, Nancy has enjoyed traveling and spending time with her husband and her children's families. As her husband Walter was a well-known and successful boys basketball coach, she spent a lot of time as the patient and nervous coach's wife hoping and praying the rosary for a victory. She also attended countless numbers of her grandchildren's sporting and performance events. She was an avid reader and committed to her Catholic faith. Rest in peace to the heart of our family, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Family and friends will be received Wednesday and Thursday, December 27 and 28, 2023, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME**, 4201 Brownsville Rd., Pittsburgh (412-881-4100). Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Blessed Trinity Parish - St. Basil's Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be directed toward the Hillman Cancer Institute, <https://hillman.upmc.com/difference/supporting/make-a-gift>.

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