

# JOSEPHINE ELEANOR Le DONNE (PITASSI)



Josephine Eleanor (Pitassi) Le Donne, age 99, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at her home on December 27, 2023. Born March 19, 1924, in Pittsburgh, PA, she was the loving wife of the late Victor A. Le Donne of 72 years; mother of Judith Le Donne and Diane (Bob) Thacker; cherished Nunny of Victoria Thacker; and daughter of the late Giuseppe and Maria (Santella) Pitassi.

Josephine retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs Adjudication Division, and in 1946 she was crowned the first Miss VA of Pittsburgh. Previously, she worked for the Heinz Corporation and the Department of Defense. Josephine was a devoted Catholic and member of Our Lady of the Angels, St. Augustine Church, and the Society of the Little Flower. In retirement, Josephine and her husband were "snowbirds", spending their winters in Bradenton, FL, and their summers with their cherished granddaughter. She was an avid reader and an excellent cook, known for her manicotti and wedding soup. She was the gentlest, caring, compassionate matriarch of the family and the most fun-loving Nunny.

She is survived by her daughters, Judith and Diane; granddaughter, Victoria; son-in-law, Bob; sisters, Rita Pierno and Donna Mutschler; sister-in-law, Carol Le Donne; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Dorothy, Anna, Joseph, and Charles; her parents-in-law, Florindo and Isabella Le Donne; and her brother-in-law, Jerome Le Donne.

Family and friends will be received on Friday, December 29, 2023, from 2 to 7 p.m. at **D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD.**, 4522 Butler Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15201 (Lawrenceville).

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at Our Lady of the Angels, St. Augustine Church. Entombment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

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