

## MARY M. CMAR



Long-time resident of Plum Borough, Mary Margaret (Madden) Cmar, born February 2, 1937 to the late Margaret (Coyne) and Thomas Madden, passed away on December 23, 2023. A lifelong learner, family genealogist, and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, Mary uplifted others with her loving presence. Devoted wife to her late husband of 62 years,

Bernard "Gus" Cmar, Mary is survived by her daughters, Sharon (Ben) Phillips of Cranberry Township, PA, Margaret (Joseph) McDonagh of Kearneysville, WV and Noreen (Michael) Cmar-Mascis of Amherst, Massachusetts. Along with her daughters, Mary was the proud grandmother of Caitlin (Nathan) McFadden, Daniel Murtha, Devin, Brian and Margaret McDonagh, Theresa and Joseph Mascis; and step-granddaughter Amy (David) Walls. Mary leaves behind her beloved great-grandson Patrick McFadden; and step-great-grandchildren Blake and Makenzie Walls. Mary was the proud eldest of seven children. Left to cherish her memory are her siblings, Eileen (Andrew) Tomko, Rita (Edward) Curran and Thomas (the late Mary Ann) Madden. Mary was predeceased by her brothers James and John Madden and her sister Helen Madden. Mary was a special aunt to many nieces and nephews.

A graduate of the former St. Paul's Cathedral High School (now Oakland Catholic) in Pittsburgh, Mary enjoyed taking classes at Community College of Allegheny County. Mary was an avid gardener, and needleworker, who would relish the challenge of refinishing and reupholstering furniture. She was very proud of her 100% Irish ancestry, and she was a devout Roman Catholic. Mary loved visiting Ireland and meeting her Irish relatives. A talented seamstress, Mary designed and stitched two of her daughters' wedding gowns as well as her grandchildren's christening gowns. A long-time employee of the Plum Borough School District, Mary was a popular high school, then junior high school, secretary. At Our Lady of Joy church, Mary and friends crocheted prayer shawls and hats for cancer patients and created blankets and sweaters for newborns in need. She enjoyed her volunteer work at St. Vincent DePaul. With love in her heart, a twinkle in her eye and a kind word for everyone, Mary was loved by all. She loved the holidays, especially Christmas. Forever young in our memories, we are grateful that God blessed us with the most loving mother and grandmother.

Mass of Christian burial at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at Our Lady of Joy Church, 2000 O'Block Road, Pittsburgh, PA. Visitation with the family from 9:00-10:00 AM at the church. After the conclusion of the church service, Mary will be laid to rest at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, PA. In lieu of flowers, the family invites memorial donations to Whole Children Inclusive Community Center, 11 Village Hill Road Northampton MA 01060, [www.wholechildren.org](http://www.wholechildren.org) or Little Sisters of the Poor at 1028 Benton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

Arrangements entrusted to **CUNNINGHAM FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 306 Bessemer Ave., Grove City. Online condolences at [cunninghamfhgc.com](http://cunninghamfhgc.com)

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