

JOYCE MARIE (MARPE) IRR



Age 84, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her family, on January 6, 2024. Joyce is survived by her husband of 64 years, Richard Irr; her children Joyce (John) Welch, Patricia 'Pinky' Irr; Rich (Heidi) Irr; and Jill (John) McShane. She is also survived by eight grandchildren (Jason (Victoria) Jonathan, Jake, Jillian, Joe, Anna, Johnny, Sarah) and two great-grandsons (Jett and Nash), as well as her four

nieces (Michelle, Lisa, Pamela, and Kristen) all of whom she adored. She is preceded in death by her sister Patricia Coccoli and her mother Emily Solomon. Joyce was born on New Year's Day in 1940. Growing up in Brookline, she graduated from South Hills High School. On May 21st 1960, she married the love of her life Richard, and immediately started their family. They resided in Brookline through 1976, and then moved to Mt. Lebanon where they lived for 40 years. Joyce was a very vivacious woman with a big heart. An avid sports fan, she enjoyed watching all sports whether in person or on TV. Watching her grandchildren play sports gave her great joy! She also loved the telephone and had an outstanding gift to gab. She enjoyed going to the casino and playing cards, especially poker. Later in life, she started her own in-home catering business. She will be most remembered for her delicious baklava which she made almost weekly and delivered personally to family, friends, and physicians. Her love of food and talking to people merged at Tambellini's Restaurant downtown where she worked for 25 years. Joyce "Sissy" (as her family nicknamed her), will be greatly missed by her whole family. We'd like to personally thank Commonwealth Hospice, Lori O'Brien, Danni Farrell, and Michelle Tambellini who helped us care for Sis in her final stage of life. Visitation is private. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 10, at 10 a.m. in St. Anne's Church (St. Paul of the Cross Parish). www.deborfuneralhome.com

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