

MARIE A. (MACHI) MAGGIO



Died peacefully on January 10, 2024. Marie was born on February 13, 1930, to Sicilian immigrant parents, Anthony and Michelina Machi. She was one of 12 children and grew up and resided in the East End of Pittsburgh for the majority of her life. As a gifted child, she skipped the second grade and graduated a semester early from Schenley High School. As soon as she could count change she worked in her parents' fruit store in Bloomfield. After high school, she attended secretarial school and worked in an office before becoming a wife and mother. She helped run a successful family pizza shop, Tooty's in Garfield, for many years with her husband. After being widowed and not being in the workforce for over 25 years, she with her faith and resolve, reinvented herself and began working at The University of Pittsburgh. Here she worked in Human Resources and led the Temporary Pool until she retired in 1995. After her retirement from Pitt she continued to work as a sales associate at Kaufmann's downtown well into her 80s. She married Joseph "Shotty" Maggio in 1956 and they were married until his death in 1983. Together they had five children: John Maggio (Judy), Joseph Maggio (Jeannie), Christopher Maggio (Irene), Mary Jo Maggio (Alex Shefler), and the late Anthony Maggio (Debby). She was a beloved sister to 11 siblings, a grandmother to ten grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, an aunt to over 50 nieces and nephews and a loyal friend to many. Marie was very independent and always told you exactly how it was. She loved to dance and always said music soothes the savage beast. Frank Sinatra was her favorite. Playing cards and traveling, especially to the beaches and casinos, were some of her favorite things to do. She always had a funny story to tell and had a great sense of humor right up to the end of her life. She lived a full life filled with love and happiness. A fierce matriarch who always put her family ahead of herself, praying for us continually in good times and in bad. She will be missed and her memory will be a blessing to all who knew her. Friends will be received at **JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC.**, 4900 Centre Avenue at Devonshire Street (freyvogelfuneralhome.com) on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, from 4-8 P.M. and on Thursday from 10 A.M. until an 11 A.M. service in the funeral home. Interment will be private.

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