

NORMA ANN (MARENO) PYZOLA



Norma Ann Mareno Pyzola on January 24, 2024.

Norma was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Larry; parents, Tony and Della Mareno; son, Bruce Bivert; daughter, Gale McCulough; dear brother and sisters, Pasquale Marino, Rita Brandy Mateer and Barbara Caliguire. She is survived by her daughters, Debra (Sam) Patti, Rhonda Painter, Samantha (James) Routh; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.



Born on October 29, 1929, Norma ushered in the Great Depression. She was the second child and first daughter of Tony and Della Mareno of the West End. Raised on McKnight Street, they shared a home with Aunt Katie and Uncle Louie Tamillia and her cousins.

Norma was extremely bright and hard-working. The Nuns at St. James School wanted her to attend college. Instead, she enlisted in the U.S. Army and was one of the first females chosen for the Women's Army Corps (The WACS). She was selected to serve in the Counterintelligence Corps and served as a colonel's Administrative Assistant. Norma served during the Korean War and was stationed in Japan.

Norma returned to Pittsburgh with the help of her parents, her Uncle Rudy Mucci, and brother-in-law, Joe Calliguire. She began working at Pittsburgh National Bank and met Larry Pyzola, her husband and one true love.

Norma and Larry moved to New York where Norma began her career with the European Health Spas, where she hit her stride by becoming an Area Director. When they moved back to Pittsburgh, she became the #1 Area Director in the nation, and she was extremely proud of this accomplishment. She briefly retired and then began working with her daughter, Debra Patti, to found Settlements, Ltd.

Norma especially loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, traveling and flowers. Her fondest memories include trips to Italy (where Pope John Paul II touched her hand), Bermuda, Hawaii, Las Vegas, Thailand, London, Paris, Florida but especially to Detroit to see the Steelers win Super Bowl XL. She loved her Steelers.

A favorite pastime was making hamburgers for the famous Caliguire tailgate parties after Pitt home games in the late 1980's.

Norma would like to be remembered for the love she had for the extended Mareno clan which includes the Marino, Brandy and Caliguire families, her strong work ethic and her achievements. Norma had a special devotion to Jesus through the Blessed Mother, St. Padre Pio, and St. Anthony of Padua.

She was a force in life and one of the strongest women we know. She will be deeply and sorely missed.

Friends and family received Sunday, January 28, 2024, from 6-8 PM at **SCHEPNER-McDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME**, 165 Noble Ave., Crafton 15205. Funeral prayer Monday, January 29, 2024, at 9:15 AM at the funeral home followed by Mass of Christian Burial in St. Michael The Archangel - St. Bernard Church, 311 Washington Rd., Pittsburgh 15216 (EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH). Interment to follow in Resurrection Catholic Cemetery with full military honors.

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