

## MARY PATRICIA "PAT" WALLACE



Age 86, of Ft. Myers, FL passed away on December 31, 2023 at Health Park Medical Center, Ft Myers, FL. Pat was born in Philadelphia, graduated from Wildwood Catholic HS, NJ and Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia. Pat was a teacher, guidance counselor and basketball coach for Lancaster Catholic High School from 1959-1974. Pat resurrected the Girls Basketball Program at Lancaster High and led the team to the schools first PIAA Girls' State Championship in 1974. Pat left LCHS and became the Women's Head Basketball Coach for the University of Pittsburgh from 1975-1976 and later coached at Point Park College and Churchill HS. Pat also worked at North Catholic as Dean of Discipline and Beattie Vo-Tech as a guidance counselor. Pat became a realtor, manager and a Broker with Howard Hanna Real Estate Services in the Greensburg, Norwin and Murrysville areas until her retirement in 2006. Pat was a great leader, loved her work and loved helping people succeed. She had many good friends and valued those relationships. When she walked into a room, she commanded that room because she was intelligent, interesting, funny, and elegant. Pat was an unrelenting advocate for being who you are and doing what you want. In the end what she did was make the world a brighter place. She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Mae Wallace. She is survived by her brother, John (Catherine) Wallace of Ft Myers, FL; niece, Kelly (Alex) Kurzeder; Aiden and Avery of Chicago, Illinois; and lifetime partner, Bernie Russell. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida, 3760 Fowler Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33901. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

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