

## NATALIE THERESA (MILLER) CASEY



On Monday, February 5, 2024, Natalie peacefully passed away to once again be with Bob, her husband of 75 years who died on October 8, 2023. Her family was able to spend the day with her letting her know how much she means to them.

Natalie was born in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, New York City, the fourth and last surviving child (Harvey, Adelaide Constance, and

Dorothy), of Jack and Rosemarie (Greenstein) Miller. Born with a song in her heart, the enduring image of Natalie was singing while hanging laundry on the line outside, gallivanting, shopping, working, and living life to its fullest.

Natalie moved to the North Side of Pittsburgh along with her parents and sisters when she was 13. She attended Allegheny High School and was a drum majorette in the band. She attended a school dance where she met a dashing US Army Air Corps Sergeant, Robert Casey. She asked him if he had a penny and got his heart in return. Marriage would wait for three years when Natalie entered the Nursing program at St. John's Hospital on Pittsburgh's North Side as the rules of the day prohibited married women from being in the program. Upon graduation, Natalie married Bob and Bob often said "nine months and five minutes" later their first child was born to be followed by three more over the next few years.

Natalie worked as a nurse for over 60 years, starting at St. John's Hospital before moving to St. Clair Hospital and then Passavant Hospital when it opened. Natalie embodied what it meant to be a nurse, as she truly cared for her patients and spent time getting to know them as people. She worked at Passavant for over 40 years until her retirement. Natalie is remembered as one of the last of the nurses to wear a nurse's cap while on duty.

Natalie's other love after Bob, her family, and nursing was the theater. She performed for decades with the St Teresa players, visiting senior centers and nursing homes, often to audiences younger than her. She served as an usher at Heinz Hall, The Byham, and The Benedum for years. It was while going to volunteer that she suffered her cardiac arrest and the quick work of her fellow volunteers who performed CPR and used the AED saved her life. Her family remains eternally grateful to them for giving us 15 more years of song and joy.

Natalie is survived by her four children, Kathleen (Ernie) Overstreet, Sandra (George) O'Leary, Maureen (Eric) Fischer, and Robert Jr. (Sue) Casey; four grandchildren, Shaun (Sharon) Casey, Shannon Casey, Maximilian (Kristie) Fischer and Sebastian (Lauren) Fischer; and six great-grandchildren, Carter Casey, Ryleigh Casey, Lorenzo Proie, Giovanni Proie, Theo Fischer, and Otto Fischer. She is also survived and loved by numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, February 9, 2024, from 3-7 pm at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME**, 806 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh 15229. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:30 am on Saturday, February 10, 2023, at St. Teresa of Avila, 1000 Avila Court, Pittsburgh 15237 followed immediately by a Committal Service at Christ The Redeemer Cemetery, 204 Cemetery Lane, Pittsburgh, 15237.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, 2835 E. Carson Street, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

She was truly one of the best of the "Greatest Generation" and will be sorely missed by all who had the honor of knowing her. To read more about Natalie, please visit: <https://archive.triblive.com/news/upmc-passavants-oldest-nurse-continues-career-of-compassion>.

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