

# BARBARA "BABS" VOGEL



Age 88, of Pittsburgh, passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA.

Barbara was born on June 19, 1935, in Pittsburgh, PA to Laurence and Margaret Metzler. She was a graduate of Langley High School in Pittsburgh. The youngest of seven siblings, Barbara was the rallying point around all family holidays, life events, and celebrations. She loved

her five daughters dearly and stayed close to them her entire life. She adored her 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and the site of any one of them brought a smile to her face.

An avid dancer who was always on the move, Barbara was considered the life of the party, and her quick wit and loving demeanor became the essence of who she was. When her kids were young, she made their home on Sterling Drive welcome to all, hosting parties and making it the neighborhood gathering place. She valued her friendships as much as her family, regularly playing cards, shopping, or going out to eat with whoever she could conscript.

Barbara was the matriarch of the Vogel family and a constant in everyone's lives. Words are not sufficient to tell how she will be missed. She was a trusted confidant to her grandkids and great-grandkids and was concerned at the thought of having to leave them behind until her last day. She was a loving mom, a committed wife, and a reliable sister. She valued her faith which carried her throughout this life and into the next. The void that has been created with her passing will be felt through many generations.

She is survived by her brother, Fred Metzler; and five daughters, Jolie (Wayne) Olexa, Rochelle Stachel, Rene Loebig, Tara (Mike) Tomer, and Colleen (Kevin) Crabbe. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard C. Vogel; father, Laurence Metzler, Sr.; mother, Margaret Metzler; brothers, C. Hubert and Lawrence (Sophie) Metzler, Jr.; and sisters, Ruth (Robert) Klein, Elizabeth Ann Robinson, and Pat (Humbert) Comas.

**PITTSBURGH CREMATION & FUNERAL CARE** is honored to serve the family of Barbara Vogel where visitation will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at 5405 Steubenville Pike, Robinson Township, PA 15316.

Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Monday at 10:00 a.m. at Archangel Gabriel Parish (St. Malachy Church), 343 Forest Grove Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108. Burial will follow at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Moon Township, PA.

To share a memory or to leave a condolence for the family, please visit: [www.pittsburghcremation.com](http://www.pittsburghcremation.com) under her obituary.

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