

# MARY ALICE BARCLAY



A lifelong resident of North Braddock, Mary "Alice" (Boland) Barclay, also known to many as "Guya" passed peacefully on Thursday, February 15, 2024, surrounded by her family, just two months shy of her 99th birthday. For the last two and a half years, Alice was a resident of Point Pleasant Independent Living in North Versailles. She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, John "Chiz" Barclay;

her parents, Patrick and Mary Welsh Boland; and her siblings, James (Rose) Boland, Jeanne (Jack) Cudworth, and Maureen (Tom) Gray.

Alice is survived by her daughters: Maripat (Jim) Sonnhalter of Virginia, Anita (Joe) Esposto, and Jackie (Tim) Geyer both of East Pittsburgh; her grandchildren, Kevin (Kelly) Sonnhalter, Karley (Jeff Dyson) Sonnhalter, Lauren (Dale) Flannagan; Marisa Esposto, Joey (Julianne Swinney) Esposto, John Esposto; Kelsey (Nick Mastovich) Geyer, Brandon (Jessica Ames) Geyer; and her great-grandchildren, Madalynn Ingemie, Jacob, Jenna, and Heidi Sonnhalter, Austin, Reagan, and Declan Flannagan; and her brother, Thomas Boland of New Jersey. Alice will be missed deeply by her beloved cousins; Patty (late Ed) Neff, Jack (late Roz) Neff, and Joyce (Bob) Becker, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. During World War II, Alice worked at Mine Safety assembling gas masks for the World War II effort. She then went to work at Hillsman Shoe Store in Braddock, and while raising her children, she volunteered at St. William School in the cafeteria. Alice was a member of the former St. William Altar Society and the AARP in East Pittsburgh. In retirement, she enjoyed exercising, participating in many of the activities at Point Pleasant, and watching Pittsburgh and Notre Dame sports. Alice was always the life of the party. She loved nothing more than a "beer-b-que" with her family and friends. She will be dearly missed.

Friends are welcome on Friday from 2-8 pm at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC.**, 700 Linden Avenue at Cable Avenue, East Pittsburgh (412-824-8800). Mass of Christian Burial will be in St. John Fisher Church (St. Joseph the Worker Parish), on Saturday. The time is not yet set. Alice will be laid to rest in Braddock Catholic Cemetery.

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