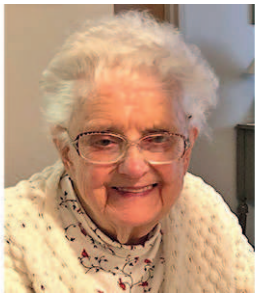


VELMA J. BIRCH



Velma J. Birch, age 96, of Avalon, passed away on Monday, February 19, 2024, at home surrounded by family. She was born on January 5, 1928, and was the daughter of the late Albert and Irene Duffy.

Survived by her daughter, Debbie (Wayne) Ritchart; grandmother of Christine (Dave) Palermo, Jessica Birch, Kevin (Carolyn) Ritchart, and Doug (Stacy) Ritchart; great-grandmother of Sarah

Palermo, Joey Ritchart, Ella Ritchart, and Aiden Ritchart; and survived by many family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ralph Birch; son, Mark Birch; and her siblings, Albert, Minnie, Robert, and Irene Brown.

Velma was the youngest of five children and lived the longest. She had a fun, feisty personality and she would always let you know where you stood. Velma enjoyed drinking wine and everyone had a toast of wine in memory of Velma.

Family and friends will be received on Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the **MCDONALD-LINN FUNERAL HOME**, 529 California Ave., Avalon, PA 15202. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 11:00 am in the McDonald-Linn Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations be made to Avalon Public Library, 317 S. Home Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15202, or avalonlibrary.org.

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