

## LORRAINE A. "LAURIE" BILICH



Lorraine A. "Laurie" Bilich, 89, formerly of Mt. Lebanon, PA, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2024 in Howard, WI. Born in Pittsburgh, PA on January 28, 1934, Laurie graduated from Mount Lebanon High School and cum laude from Duquesne University in 1955, with a degree in business. She married fellow Duquesne graduate, Joseph T. Bilich. Joe's career took them from Pennsylvania to Ohio, Michigan, Alabama and Connecticut. In addition to caring for her growing family, Laurie loved working at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, CT and at Children's Dance Foundation in Birmingham, AL. Thanks to Laurie's warm and welcoming personality, she and Joe made many friends in every new home, often bringing together neighbors who previously had never met. Laurie and Joe shared a deep love of music, which brought them together and kept them playing and singing through life. Laurie enjoyed hosting a Christmas Eve party every year, where she would play carols on the piano and harmonize with Joe, and all in attendance, in her beautiful soprano voice. This became a wonderful tradition for family and friends everywhere she lived. Laurie also imparted a lifelong love of reading to all five of her children, truly a gift. Laurie was predeceased by her beloved husband, Joe; her parents, Nicholas and Marie (Faller) Krell; and her sisters Alice Survinski and Stella Daube. She is survived by her brother, Don Krell and his wife, Mary Kay; her sister-in-law, Mary Ann (Bilich) Franchak; sons, Joe, Dan and Ted; daughters, Dana (Culligan) and Beth (Heller); and nine grandchildren, who dearly loved their grandma Laurie. Laurie will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by many.

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