

ELEANORA HELEN MUSSILL



"Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver."

Eleanora Helen Schneider Mussill entered her eternal heavenly home after 95 wonderful earthly years on Monday, February 19, 2024, with her daughter and son by her side, to reunite with her family that she had missed so dearly.

Eleanora was the firstborn of five children on April 18, 1928, to the late Charles and Eleanora (Kirchner) Schneider. She was not only named after her mother and grandmother but also learned from those women early on that being a strong, compassionate, gentle woman will result in a long, fulfilling life.

Eleanora grew up during the Great Depression in Bower Hill, Pennsylvania, on Montgomery Avenue. Growing up, she was an avid dancer and continued to tap dance until she was 78 years old. Eleanora and her sister Norma were a dynamic duo in their younger years, being only two years apart and working for many years together at General Electric. Eleanora and all her sisters were always very close; they loved going out to eat, shopping, and talking over a kitchen table. Every birthday, wedding, holiday, or any celebration would be spent together making delicious, filling homemade feasts. Eleanora, a hospitable and classy lady, was affectionate and kind to anyone and everyone who crossed her path.

On June 19, 1948, Eleanora married Alvin R. Mussill, Sr. They had their first child, a son named Alvin, and three years later their second child, a daughter, named Sharon. (Eleanora knew if she had a daughter, the generational name of 'Eleanora' that had been passed down from generations before her, would end with her daughter.) Eleanora and Sharon, mother and daughter, are best friends. Eleanora and Sharon went everywhere together: out to lunches and dinners, vacations to Disney, errands to the grocery store, shopping at the mall, going to church, visiting Eleanora's sisters, frequenting doctor appointments. Eleanora was able to live by herself until the age of 92, no doubt in part because of the unwavering love. Eleanora was able to stay home to raise her children when they were young; they had an amazing childhood. Eleanora was always ready to listen, had a gentle demeanor, and unfailingly showed understanding and unconditional love. After almost 50 years of marriage, Alvin passed away in 1998 at home with his wife Eleanora, by his side and caring for him as she had always done.

Eleanora's love only grew with all of her grandchildren. "Gram" never missed the dance recitals and competitions, musicals and band festivals, birthday parties and proms, and any other assortment of events. "Gram" visits always included making cinnamon toast or rootbeer floats, and always ended with three kisses and a "Love you". Family was everything to her; she enjoyed a life full of family, faith, and love.

Eleanora was elated when the family welcomed a new generation to the family, her great-grandchildren. Babies, toddlers, children, or teenagers, Eleanora loved all of her great-grandchildren with a pure, genuine, and unending love. Even in her last days, you could see her face light up when they would say "Hi, Gigi!" She would say, "Come sit with Gigi!" Her great-grandchildren are forever embedded in her heart.

Eleanora is survived by her two children, Alvin R. Mussill, Jr.; and his wife, Carla of McDonald; and Sharon P. Fryer and her husband, David of Upper. St. Clair; her four grandchildren, Stacey Mussill, Shane (Kristie) Mussill, Shannon (Nick) Suchta, and Ashley Fryer (Jeremy Julian); her six great-grandchildren, Carsen Suchta, Harrison Suchta, Weston Suchta, Miliana Elnora Julian, Coleman Suchta, and Atillia Fryer; her sister, Betty (Gilbert) Conn; and her nieces and nephews, Timmy Conn, Vickie Buzzelli, Paul Conn, Ed Conn, Douglas Schneider, Chuckie Davison, and Leslie Gladz. Eleanora is also survived by many adored great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin R. Mussill, Sr.; her sisters, Norma Schneider and Julia Davison; her brother, Carl Schneider; and niece, Linda Spratt.

Eleanora's new heavenly mission takes her to a wonderful place where she will undoubtedly be socializing with family and friends, dancing and singing to her heart's content. She will surely be indulging in all of her favorite foods including sandwiches, cookies, and "good cups of coffee" (and she will never gain an ounce). We want to let our Mom, Gram, and GiGi know that she did a great job and wish her a safe journey. We will always remember and cherish her smile, her unwavering kindness, her warmth, and her love for her family. She worked very hard all of her life up until her last days, and she made such a difference in the lives of all of her loved ones.

We will try our best to continue your legacy of KINDNESS and LOVE.

We invite all to join us and celebrate Eleanora Helen (Schneider) Mussill, at BEINHAUER- FRYER FUNERAL HOME, 430 Washington Ave., Bridgeville, 412-221-3800, on Friday, February 23, 2024, 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, 11 AM at St. John Lutheran Church, 601 Washington Ave. Carnegie, PA 15106. Interment to follow at Melrose Cemetery, Bridgeville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Asbury Heights Benevolence Fund, 700 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243. Please add or view tributes at www.beinhauer.com

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