

MARCIA LEE (HOMYK) FERRERO



Born September 19, 1955, in Rochester, PA, and a resident of Sewickley, PA since 1990. Daughter of the late John and Ann Homyk (Luketic-Morrow). She is survived by her husband, Bruce Ferrero, and several relatives from the Luketic, Homyk and Ferrero families. Currently resided in the beautiful mountain town of Payson, AZ.

Marcia was a 1973 graduate of Hopewell Memorial High School; she then received a Diploma in Nursing from the esteemed Sewickley Valley Hospital School of Nursing in 1976. She obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Carlow University along with a Masters Degree in Organizational Leadership. She was Board Certified in Nursing Administration Executive - Advanced.

Marcia proudly practiced nursing for 23 years at Sewickley Valley Hospital, worked for Coventry Health Care for three years as a Director of Care Management for the Senior Life research study, then became a Division Director of Nursing at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh for ten years. Prior to retiring, Marcia held the position of Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Patient Care Services for four years at Heritage Valley Health system's Beaver campus, of which she was most proud to work with so many wonderful health care workers.

Marcia was the founder of the "Angels of the Allegheny" which is a volunteer group of nurses who pay tribute to nurses who passed away. Due to the uniqueness of this group, Marcia was interviewed, and its vision was published in the "RN Nursing Journal" in 2009 along with a special feature during Nurse's Week on WTAE-TV news by broadcaster Mike Clark. To date, close to a hundred tributes have been done - Marcia was the leading force behind those events which we held in funeral homes, hospital chapels/auditoriums, churches, synagogues, and cemetery chapels. She often shared with others that honoring her colleagues in this manner was truly the most rewarding part of her entire career and viewed it as somewhat of a ministry.

Beyond nursing, Marcia's favorite pastime was bicycling the Rails-to-Trails, flower gardening, hiking, fast cars, antiques, and attending the Pittsburgh Symphony Pops concerts; however, the ultimate loves of her life were her husband and her golden retrievers. Volunteerism was a personal drive for her as she was formerly the President of the United Way Board of Directors of Beaver County; strong advocate and supporter of the Beaver County Humane Society, the Humane Society of Payson, AZ where she volunteered many fun-filled hours at their resale store, member of the Pittsburgh Symphony Association and the former Pittsburgh Symphony North; she also assisted therapists with hippo therapy for children with disabilities at Orchardview Stables in Wexford, PA. Family and friends were the utmost precious gift to her - staying in touch and helping others when needed.

Friends will be received at the **R.D. COPELAND FUNERAL HOME**, Irvine Chapel, Sewickley, on Friday from 1-4 PM and 6-9 PM. Funeral Services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sewickley on Saturday at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Central Arizona, PO Box 242, Payson, AZ 85547.

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