

# SARAH BATTAGLIA TOKASH

1926-2024



Age 97, of Cranberry Township, PA, passed away February 28, 2024. She was born at home in Homewood, PA on April 17, 1926, to Lorenzo and Lucille Demase. Later her family moved to Fox Chapel and she graduated from Aspinwall High School. She received a BA from the University of Pittsburgh in 1947 in Human Resources. She worked at G.C. Murphy Company in the personnel department as a district

personal director managing 13 stores. She then worked for Joseph Horne Company in the personnel department. Following employment at Joseph Horne she worked for a short stint in the family business Demase and Manna Company. She returned to school in 1952 and earned a Master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh in Speech Pathology. Her work included providing private speech therapy to patients and later she founded the Speech Pathology Department at Passavant Hospital. She was a member of the Heinz Chapel Choir and the Flying Club while at The University of Pittsburgh. In her 40's she began to paint and became an avid accomplished artist for the remainder of her life. Other hobbies included playing tennis and water skiing at Lake Latonka. She also played golf at Wildwood Country Club and later at Gulf Harbor in Florida. She enjoyed traveling internationally as well as traveling throughout the USA on the road by motor home. She enjoyed keeping active with family and had many friends in her years at Sherwood Oaks. She was a member of St. Ferdinand's Church and funded the creation of the Prayer Garden.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Joseph; sisters, Mary and Rose Marie; nephew, Lawrence Demase; son-in-law, Jay Miller; grandsons, R. Jay Miller and Charlie Miller; and her loving husband of 33 years, Dick Battaglia; and loving husband of 22 years, Milton Tokash. She is survived by her children, Regina Miller, Carol (Bobby) Viktorin, David (Jane) Battaglia; and Milton's children, David Tokash, Marla Bissett, Deidre Fallavollita and Jonna (Todd) Heffernan. She was the loving grandmother to grandchildren, Roberta (Braden) Lambros, Kirby (Tom) Shallue, Erin (Chris) Schneider, Tony (Jennifer) Battaglia, Julia (Ryan) Fair, Victoria and Nicholas Tokash, MacKenzie Bissett, Devin (Dustin) Maxwell, Westley (Kelly) Fallavolitta, David (Lani) Fallavolitta, Rachel Fallavollita, Jenna, Rebecca and Madeline Heffernan as well as many great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Pat, Steve (Marsha) Demase and Joseph Demase.

Family and friends are welcome on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME OF CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP**, 2678 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Divine Grace Parish, St. Ferdinand Church. Entombment will follow at Allegheny County Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: The Scholarship Fund at Sherwood Oaks. Make checks payable to the Sherwood Oaks Fund. Note in the memo 'Employee Scholarship'. Mail checks to Sherwood Oaks, 100 Norman Drive, Cranberry Township, PA 16066; or to a charity of your choice.

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