

SHIRLEY (ELEKES) McKNIGHT



Age 81, of McCandless Twp., passed away peacefully at home on March 2, 2024, after a brief illness. Beloved wife to James McKnight for 57 years; loving mother of Jami McKnight Barnes (Michael), Sean McKnight and Michael McKnight (Erica). Proud grandmother of Evan Michael Barnes, Riley Logan Barnes, Emma Claire Barnes and Mia Cecelia McKnight. Sister of Ronnie Elekes (Cherrie) and Elaine

Alexander. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Louis Elekes, Jr.

Shirley was well-known in her neighborhood. She was frequently seen by neighbors sitting in her front yard or walking her beloved spaniel, Charlie. She loved her home and family with a fierce devotion. Shirley was rarely seen without a cup of coffee in her hand or her Charlie at her feet. She thrived off of life's simplicities, being perfectly content with spending a day watching the birds by her bird feeders or admiring the garden she and her husband ardently crafted. Shirley was a feisty woman who could make a grown man cry in Monopoly and was renowned for her spaghetti and meatballs. Her nails were always manicured to perfection despite hours spent making her annual batches of Christmas Mandelbraut and peanut butter blossom cookies. She was loved dearly and will be missed by many.

A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, March 22, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. for both family and friends at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 806 Perry Highway, North Hills.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either the Salvation Army of Western PA or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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