

LOUISE CAROL GILDEA



Passed away peacefully on March 19, 2024, in Bethel Park, PA surrounded by her family.

Born to Serafino "Jimmy" and Anna Nicolella on June 13, 1942, in Pittsburgh, Louise was a cherished member of the Nicolella family, sister to Sandra Lee (John) Wyrostek and Anna Jane (Vince) Miskis. She spent her younger years as a Nicolella growing up on Jane Street in the South Side

where she graduated from St. Casimir High School in 1960. The South Side is also where she met and married her beloved husband, the late Leo F. Gildea in 1964, creating the beginning of a shared life filled with love, family, and adventures. Louise's love extended to her three children, Leo James (Ellen) Gildea, Lisa (Chris) Thompson, and Lori (Leonardo) Astacio who will forever remember her as a nurturing mother, full of grace, love, and compassion. Her ten grandchildren, Austin (Krystal) Fecteau, Lexus Astacio, Abigail (John) Huson, Nicholas Gildea, Rebekah (Jack) Frisbie, Sarah (Matthew Starinsky) Thompson, Caleb Thompson, Livia Astacio, Adam Thompson, and Leonardo Astacio, will continue to exemplify her life of kindness and joy. Louise enjoyed life as a great-grandma to Harper Fecteau, Samara Astacio, Jack Fecteau, Liam Frisbie, and John Huson. She loved her family and was very proud of each and every one.

For over 30 years Louise served as a caring bus driver for students in Bethel Park. Outside of work, she was an avid gardener, a master of crossword puzzles, and lover of all animals. Louise will be profoundly missed but her spirit will continue to guide and inspire all who were blessed to know her.

Funeral arrangements by **BEINHAUERS**. Family and friends are invited to join the family for visitation on Monday, March 25, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **BEINHAUER-CONNELL FUNERAL HOME**, 5120 West Library Ave., Bethel Park, PA 15102. A service at the funeral home will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow the service at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the 1Voice Foundation to help families affected by Pediatric Cancer. (<https://1voicefoundation.org/donate-today/>).

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