

CAROL A. (KACHURIK) SCHAFFER



On Thursday, March 21, 2024, Carol A. (Kachurik) Schaffer, age 77, of Bethel Park passed away with family at her side. Carol was the beloved wife of James (Jim) Schaffer, and the beloved mother of Jeff, Mark, Jay and Heather. Carol was the proud grandmother of nine grandchildren: Andrew, Analycia, Alexa, Isabella, Maxwell, Lilly, Ryan, Brendan and Nicholas; and was equally proud of her great-

granddaughter, Phoenix. Carol is also survived by her loving sister Sandy Antonucci. Carol was first and foremost a devoted mother to her four children, guiding them through a life of constant moving as her and Jim enjoyed a 28 year Air Force career that required moving 13 times. She possessed a magnetic personality and always made friends quickly and passed on that same gift to her children, making those moves an adventure rather than a traumatic experience. Easily the highlight of those moves was an almost three year assignment to Naples, Italy. In the city of "Domani" (meaning "tomorrow") you learned to adjust to a slower pace of life that grew more wonderful each year. It was there where she reconnected with her former dancing career and taught ballet in the local US community, as well as being the choreographer for their local plays. Carol also watched as her sons became skilled in soccer, which is every Italian's first love. Returning to the USA brought more moves and lots of athletics for her kids, to include gymnastics for Heather, while golf was added to soccer for her sons. All are now married so we expanded our family with four wonderful spouses - Tammy, Dottie, Lisa and Charlie. To Jim and all those children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild, Carol loves you "to infinity and back" and to "Nana," we all love you to infinity and back! A celebration of life will be held at an appropriate time and location. Arrangements by **GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th street), South Park Twp., (412) 655-4600. If desired, donations in Carol's name may be made to Susan Komen Breast Cancer fund.

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