

MARIE A. SLANINA

February 20, 1925 - April 14, 2024



Marie A. Slanina, 99 years old, of Ben Avon, passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 14, 2024. Marie was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 60-years Conrad E. Slanina; parents John and Elizabeth Baroffio; brother Robert Baroffio (Julie); sister (Adelaide McCaffrey); other loving family members, and countless friends. She is survived by her sister, Theresa Eichhorn, son Conrad E. Slanina, Jr. (Nancy Keeney);

their daughters Kelsey Esaias (Dave) and Hannah Clegg (Adam); and their children Elliette and Emmett Clegg; and her daughter Roberta S. O'Brien (Craig Bradford); and granddaughter Lauren Bradford.

Marie grew up in Etna. She attended 5th Avenue High School where she excelled in business and art classes receiving recognition for her shorthand skills and wallpaper design.

Conrad and Marie lived on the Northside until 1961 when they moved to Ben Avon. Marie lived in the same Ben Avon house for 60 years until she moved to New Hope Gracious Living in Avalon for the last five years of her life.

When her children began high school, Marie worked part-time in retail sales until she was offered a position as an executive secretary for Gimbels Department Store in Downtown Pittsburgh. When she retired, she traveled extensively both domestically and internationally. She took painting, pottery-wheel, and other art classes at Allegheny Community College. Over the years, she created many thoughtful and fun gifts for family and friends.

Marie was a giver. She volunteered hundreds of hours as a reading tutor. She ushered at the Benedum. She was an oblate at the Benedictine Center. She was a voracious reader and participated in book clubs. Marie was also an accomplished writer. She wrote poems for loved ones to commemorate birthdays and other events. She had pen pals. For 20 years, she journaled for her granddaughters to document the beautiful memories that she created with them and for them.

As part of a young couple, and for many years, she belonged to a monthly penny-poker club and a bowling league that started with Candlepin Balls. She was an active member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary, a brownie leader, and a den-mother. She was an accomplished cook. She valued family above all.

Marie epitomized the Greatest Generation and the extraordinary values associated with it ... humility, strong work ethic, honor, faith, commitment to service. She was a strong woman with a kind, gentle spirit; and a big smile for everyone. She was a woman of few words; but she tended to make a big impression. She will be missed by many.

There is no visitation. A Celebration of Life Memorial Mass at Regina Coeli Parish - Sacred Heart Church, Emsworth, followed by a luncheon will be held in Marie's honor, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 11:00 am. Arrangements by **LAWRENCE T. MILLER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, Bellevue.

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