

# LEONILLA "LEE" GRACE LAUDADIO BROKER



Leonilla "Lee" Grace Laudadio Broker, age 100, died on April 3, 2024, at Westmoreland Manor, Greensburg, PA. Born on June 27, 1923, in Penn, PA, she was the beloved daughter of Marie Dreistadt and Frank Laudadio. Lee led a remarkable life filled with love and dedication to family and her Catholic Faith and her community. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

The youngest of six children, Lee was age 10 when her mother died. Her father remarried Elizabeth Myers and the Laudadio-Myers family was formed, joining six Myers siblings with the Laudadio six. The family has celebrated a Reunion every year for the past 66 years.

Lee graduated in 1941 from Jeannette High School and later attended Greensburg Business Institute. She was so proud of her service as a WAVE in the Navy, attending boot camp at Hunter College in New York in 1943 and the Chicago School of Aircraft Instruments. She was one of 300 women whose job it was to assemble and test all gyroscopes and aviation instruments used to navigate airplanes.

Following her discharge from the Navy in December 1945, she returned to Penn and married John F. Broker in 1947. They were blessed with five children and many years of adventures. Sadly, John died in 2006 and two of her children predeceased her: son, Kevin Broker (Billie Jean), and daughter, Pamela Raffaele. Surviving children are son, Jeffrey (Linda), daughter, Karin (Mark Witte), and son, James (Cindi). Her beloved grandchildren are Abbie DiLeo, Jennifer Winter, Michael Broker, Christofer Broker, Bradley Broker, Jonathan Broker, Jenilee Shultz and Cassie Jellots, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Although busy with her five children, Lee was able to work at Cooper-Jarrett trucking company for seven years, and later at the Pennsylvania State Unemployment Office for 18 years. She traveled with her husband to Hawaii, Scotland, and the Azores, and with her sister, Margaret, and her church for a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. She also loved playing bingo and her many trips to the Casino.

A life-long member of Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Penn until its closure, she then became a member of Ascension and Sacred Heart parishes in Jeannette.

Lee continued to make good friends throughout her life and enjoyed the years after 2017 when she lived in her independent apartment, Eagle Tree, at Westmoreland Manor.

Lee's family is most grateful for the excellent care she received from all the staff at Westmoreland Manor, including Dr. DeGregory and nurses, Tammy and Krystal.

At Lee's request, services were private and under the direction of the **JOHN V. GRAZIANO FUNERAL HOME**, Jeannette, PA. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated at Ascension Church on April 6, 2024, and she was laid to rest next to her beloved husband in Saint Boniface Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in her honor to Westmoreland Manor, 2480 South Grande Boulevard, Greensburg PA 15601.

May she rest in peace knowing that she was loved by all who were blessed to know her.

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