

# MARGARET "MONNIE" (SCHMIDT) BOYLE



Margaret "Monnie" (Schmidt), age 102, a longtime Brentwood resident, died on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at Friendship Village in Upper St. Clair.

Monnie is survived by seven children: Patrick (Sally), Margaret (John) Friel, Thomas (Deborah), Susan (David) Trimbur, Eileen (Glenn) Vernon, Claire (James) Eshleman, and Joseph (Allyson). She also had 19 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren, and hundreds of nieces and nephews.

Monnie was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Boyle, with whom she attended 12 years at St. Basil's School, and whom she married in 1943 before he shipped out to World War Two in Europe. Joe died in 1990.

Monnie learned the value of hard work and self-reliance growing up during the Great Depression after her father, John Schmidt, died from injuries incurred in World War One. Her mother, Ida Margaretta Schillinger Schmidt, raised four children on a small widow's pension and by baking homemade bread, which she sold to neighbors in Carrick. After high school, Monnie attended business school, and learned bookkeeping, which she practiced for 70 years.

Monnie operated the refreshment stand in Brentwood Park for three decades, starting in 1958. She was an accomplished seamstress, and made wedding and bridesmaid dresses for her four daughters. She served as a Eucharistic Minister for many years at St. Sylvester's Church in Brentwood. She enjoyed riding horses and swimming, and played volleyball into her 50s.

Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227 on Sunday, May 12, 2024 from 2-8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial in Blessed Trinity Parish, St. Sylvester Church on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. **EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH.** She will be buried with her husband at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations in her name to Gallagher Hospice, 1370 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017 or Lifespace Foundation Friendship Village, 1290 Boyce Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241 (TMAF on memo line) or [www.thelifespacefoundation.org](http://www.thelifespacefoundation.org).

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