

MARY E. NOVARIO



Age 77, of Pittsburgh, PA, died Saturday, May 25, 2024, at Family Hospice in Pittsburgh, PA.

Born on September 23, 1946, in DuBois, PA, she was the daughter of the late Ollivio C. and Rita A. (DiFabio) Novario.

On July 7, 1979, she married her husband of 44 years, David S. Phillips. He survives.

She was a 1964 graduate of the DuBois Area High School and went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Duquesne University.

Mary retired as an elementary school teacher after over 30 years of service from the Pittsburgh Public School District. She taught in Belmar and John Minadeo Elementary Schools and was a member of the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers.

Mary was a member of St. Raphael Roman Catholic Church in Pittsburgh. She loved gardening, crafting and being surrounded by children and her family. Mary loved people and was often a friend to the friendless.

In addition to her husband David, she is survived by her children (Matthew Phillips and Laura Phillips and her husband Isaac Beachy, both of Pittsburgh, PA), two grandchildren (Cadwallon Phillips and Lupin Beachy-Phillips), and siblings (Rita Gutowski and Thomas Novario, both of DuBois, PA, and Anita Novario-Tate and her husband Samuel of Adams Basin, NY).

She was preceded in death by her brother (Father Ollivio "Nick" Novario) and brother-in-law (Fran Gutowski).

There will be no public visitation.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 10 a.m. from Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Parish at St. Catherine of Siena with Msgr. Richard Siefer as celebrant.

An additional celebration of life in Pittsburgh will be announced at a later date.

Burial will follow in St. Catherine Cemetery.

Memorials may be placed with Proud Haven at www.proudhaven.org/donations, and/or the University of Pittsburgh Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at www.adrc.pitt.edu.

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