

RITA F. HEIRY



Cradled in the arms of Christ, Rita F. (Campbell) Heiry peacefully passed from this life on June 14, 2024. Rita was born on August 24, 1932 to Joseph Campbell and Agnes (Werner) Campbell the seventh of nine children. Rita grew up in an Irish Catholic family on a farm during the depression. She experienced the effects of World War II as an adolescent.

She loved to sing, sew, swim and roller skate. She graduated from Penn Hills High School in 1950 and married James C. (Stevick) Heiry (d) shortly thereafter. In a time when married women were not allowed to work full time, she did it anyway! Rita went on to work full time at Tippins, Inc. James and Rita had three daughters. They separated in 1964. As a single mom, Rita was a trend setter. She worked hard, raised her children and fought the social norms of the 60's and 70's. She taught her daughters to be strong independent women and made sure that they all received post high school education. She herself worked her way up to becoming the Human Resource Manager at Tippins, Inc.

As an empty nester, Rita took up golf. She retired from Tippins in 1997. For much of her retirement she worked as a lunch monitor at Fox Chapel High School. Rita enjoyed traveling and socializing. She was close with her 8 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her six brothers, son in law and ex-husband.

Her strength of will was demonstrated in her fighting back from several health crises. She was a feisty woman who is survived by daughters, Rita Ann Yost (late Greg), Lynn Weddell, Jamie Dillon (Scott), her eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Visitation Tuesday June 18th from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **WEDDELL-AJAK FUNERAL HOME**, 100 Center Ave. Aspinwall. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19th at Christ the King Parish, St. Scholastica, Aspinwall.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Heart Association or your local parish mission trip.

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