

## **CAROL ANN (MCGOLDRICK) MERZ**

Carol Ann (McGoldrick) Merz, age 74, of West Deer, died on Sunday, July 28, 2024 surrounded by her loving family. Daughter of the late William McGoldrick and the late Anna (Kepner) McGoldrick; and daughter-in-law of the late Edward Merz and the late Elsie (Knopp) Merz.

Beloved wife of more than 53 years of Donald Merz. Cherished mother of Jennifer (Merz) Gillens and the late Jason Gillens Sr., of West Deer, and Kristin (Merz) Baum and Michael Baum, of Richland. Adored grandmother and "Wawa" to Jason "Jay" Gillens Jr. and Regina Beiter, Caden Gillens, Logan Baum, and Delaney "Laney" Baum; great-grandmother and "Wawa" to Kynslie Gillens and Christopher "C.J." Gillens. Sister of the late Mary Ann (Guiseppe) Sciulli, the late William (Liz) McGoldrick, and the late Edward (Carol) McGoldrick. Aunt of Diane (Bashar) Altaher, Dolores (Dennis) Wright, Perry (Lydia) Sciulli, Anthony Sciulli, Nicholas Sciulli, the late Joseph Sciulli, and the late Michael (Jackie) McGoldrick. Carol is also survived by many great-nieces and nephews. Carol was especially close to her cousin, dear friend, and neighbor, Patricia (and the late Billy) Flemming, and many other friends.

Carol was a kind and compassionate soul that enjoyed reading, traveling, attending music events at the Kean Theatre, and, most of all, spending time with her family. She shared a special bond with her husband, children, and grandchildren, with whom she spent most of her days. She retired after a more than 30-year career at the Social Security Administration offices in Brentwood, North Side, and Downtown Pittsburgh, where she made and maintained several dear friendships over the years. Carol will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, LTD.**, Bakerstown. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sts. Martha & Mary Parish, Saint Catherine of Sweden Church, Allison Park, on Friday at 11am. Immediately after Mass there will be a procession from the church to her final resting place at Holy Savior Cemetery in Gibsonia.

Memorial contributions can be made in Carol's name to the National Kidney Foundation.

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