

JOAN DESANTIS FERRARI



Joan Desantis Ferrari, of Peters Township, died one day before her 87th birthday on August 19, 2024 after a brief illness. Joan was born in Monongahela, PA, on August 20, 1937, the daughter of Julia Orsolini DeSantis and Joseph DeSantis. She graduated from Monongahela HS and the Business Training College (now Point Park University) and was a medical secretary and bookkeeper for over 30 years. She loved

raising her children and was a fierce advocate for them, whether in school, athletics, or extracurricular activities. Joan was that organized person that you wanted as PTA president, soccer team mom, or wrestling booster.

Joan was a competitor and played in tennis leagues and paddle tennis leagues in Peters Township and the South Hills for many years. She was an early yoga enthusiast in the 1970s, and that continued right into her 80s. She played in bridge clubs for years, and never met a crossword puzzle that she didn't tackle, always having a clipboard full of puzzles in the queue. Her greatest joy was her six grandchildren, and she attended every athletic event, music concert, and dance recital that she could squeeze in. She adored her grandchildren, and they adored her right back.

Joan traveled the world, encouraging her kids and grandkids to do the same, and especially loved attending tennis tournaments around the world with her dear friend Shirley Cogswell. Spending time at the beach was her favorite pastime and her favorite beaches were in Aruba and Fenwick Island, DE, where the family owned a home for 25 years.

She was a member of St. Benedict the Abbot church (now John XXIII Parish) since its founding in the early 1960s.

Joan was predeceased by her parents; and her loving companion, Tony Barle. She is survived by her children Jodi Ferrari Hannah (Andrew), Julie Ferrari Weyers (William), and Richard A. Ferrari, Jr (Jessica); and her grandchildren Paige Hannah McWilliam (Gregor), Dylan Weyers, Sydney Hannah, Jared Weyers, Emma Ferrari, and Olivia Ferrari.

Visitation will be Friday, August 23 from 5-7 pm at **BEINHAUER FUNERAL HOME**, 2828 Washington Road, McMurray, PA 15317. Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society may be made in Joan's name.

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