

ANNABELLE "ABBY" HALLWIRTH (GRASHA)

August 13, 1947-August 24, 2024



Annabelle Grasha Hallwirth (Abby to all that knew her), devoted mother and grandmother, passed away on Saturday, August 24, 2024, in her apartment in Swissvale. Abby fought cancer for over seven years, and took her final breath surrounded by her loving family, with her Terrible Towel on the pillow next to her head. She was loved and cherished by everyone she met due to her infectious

ability to make the world laugh.

Abby was the sixth child of Rudolph Grasha and Elaine Naugle. She was raised in Rankin, PA, and spent much of her childhood there. Abby was lovingly committed to her three children, Beth Hallwirth Whitaker (Dereck) of Colorado Springs, CO, Timothy Hallwirth (Diane) of Chesapeake, VA, and Scot Hallwirth (Sherrie) of Palmer, AK; thirteen grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She had eleven siblings, Gloria Vasquez, Elaine Hacharian, Dorthy Motil (D), Eleanor Banosky (D), Rudolph Grasha (D), William Grasha (D), Sandra Kochendorfer, Donna Kurts, Joseph Grasha (D), Jean Knuckles (D), and Richard Grasha. Abby's love of family and friends was apparent in everything she did, and was always the first to shower blessings and love on anyone in need...no matter if it was a lifelong friend or someone she had just met. Abby's memory will forever be imprinted on their hearts and souls.

Abby received her degree in Childhood Education from Ellen Cushing Junior College in Philadelphia in 1970, and worked at various daycares and child development centers, maintaining a positive influence on these young, formidable minds. She also worked as a florist at Giant Eagle in Edgewood Town center for a period of time.

Abby was a fervent congregation member of Swissvale Baptist Church, and would attend church regularly until cancer had taken her ability to walk. Her church family was never far from her mind and would visit her regularly and shower her with blessings and prayer until the very end. Her love of Christ never deterred or faltered...even when the pain of cancer had overcome her frail, broken body.

Abby was a fanatical Steeler fan, and all Pittsburgh sports, as is evident by the towel next to her head as she passed. She was also an avid Notre Dame fan, something her family is still trying to come to terms with.

A funeral service will be held on August 29, 2024, at 11:00 am at THOMAS L. NIED FUNERAL HOME, 7441 Washington St., Swissvale, PA 15218. There will also be viewings August 28, 2024 from 2 till 4 pm and another at 6 till 8 pm.

Special Thanks to Gallagher Hospice of Bridgeville, PA, for their devoted care during Abby's final days of life.

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