

MAYBELLE WALDSCHMIDT



Maybelle Waldschmidt, 86, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 22, 2024, after a long battle with dementia. Born in Reserve Township to Ed and Mary (Smith) Geyer on January 22, 1938, Maybelle married the love of her life, Glenn Waldschmidt (1937-2020), on Sept 24, 1960.

Maybelle leaves behind four children: Roy Waldschmidt, Sharon (Ken) Gardoski, Ami (Dave) Wessel, and Eric (Allison) Waldschmidt, ten grandchildren: Laura, Karis (Jay Lundy), and Joel (Marina) Gardoski, Zack (Cindy), Jake, and Noah (Remziye) Wessel, and Ian, Ryan (Emma), Evan, and Christian Waldschmidt, and two great-grandchildren: Milo Gardoski and Charlie Wessel.

Maybelle is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Linda and John Christenson, sister-in-law Joan Waldschmidt, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Maybelle was predeceased by Roy's longtime partner, Melanie Katusa.

Growing up as a farm girl, Maybelle sold vegetables and flowers with her parents at the farmer's market on the North Side. After graduating from Millvale High School as the Sweetheart of her class, Maybelle worked in the secretarial pool at Kopper's, quickly moving up to be secretary to one of the executives. Maybelle met her best friend and soulmate, Glenn Waldschmidt, at a church event in 1960, and they married within just a few months.

Maybelle was a stay-at-home mom, caring well for her family. She played endless card games with her children while Glenn worked and went to night school, and she kept the family supplied with whoopie pies, homemade hard candy, beautifully decorated birthday cakes, and the best chocolate chip cookies ever. She loved Scrabble, jigsaw puzzles, and crossword puzzles. Buying items on sale and with a coupon was like a game for Maybelle, too, and for many years she was an avid garage sale shopper, carefully planning her Saturday route with a map each week and finding great deals. Maybelle enjoyed working outside, tending her flowers, cutting grass, and even shoveling snow. When the grandchildren came along, Maybelle and Glenn spent many happy days cheering them on at their games and concerts.

Maybelle had a gift for letting people know they were loved. She noticed what others liked or needed and responded with small acts of kindness. When her kids' families would go on a vacation, they would come home to a jug of milk in the fridge and a loaf of bread on the counter so they wouldn't have to run right out to the grocery store after their travels.

Known for her love of animals, Maybelle welcomed many creatures to her backyard, feeding birds and squirrels on a window ledge. Maybelle hosted many dogs in her home while her children, her friends, and her children's friends took trips. She loved spoiling those dogs with so much attention and so many walks that they were sad to return to their own homes.

Maybelle was hard-working and energetic, and she kept busy serving others wholeheartedly and with a smile. Maybelle was a dedicated volunteer at her church's nursery and Northland Public Library, and with Glenn, she sorted thousands of books for Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry's book sale fundraiser.

More than anything, Maybelle loved her husband. She and Glenn could often be spotted walking around their neighborhood, and they also spent many happy hours walking together at North Park, Cook Forest, McConnell's Mill, and other beautiful parks throughout Western PA.

Family will welcome friends on Friday, September 27, from 2-4pm and 6-7:30pm at **SHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 388 Center Avenue, West View, PA 15229, with a service to follow at 7:30pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any memorial contributions be made to Animal Friends.

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