

## ANNE (PETROWSKI) PORTA



Age 101, of McKees Rocks, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 30, 2024. Beloved wife of 73 years to the late Frederick Porta. She was born in Groveton, PA, on December 31, 1922, to the late Dmytro Petrowski and Catherine Prystasz, both Ukrainian immigrants from Poland. Anne will be missed by her children, Ronald (Karen) Porta, Donald Porta, Michael (Sandy) Porta, Christine (John F., Jr.)

Sofranko, and Marilyn Porta; grandchildren, Amy (Jamie Chinnock) Porta, Erin (Nate Boxrucker) Porta, John F. "Jay" Sofranko, III, Michael J. (Felicia) Porta, Matthew (Ramsey) Porta, Katherine "Katie" (Joe) Kendall, Dustin (Jenny) Porta, Jessica (Ben Hooymeijer) Porta; great-grandchildren, Elliot Chinnock, Luke Chinnock, John F. "Jay" IV Sofranko, Reece Boxrucker, Jacob Boxrucker, Owen Porta, Avery Porta, Arland Hooymeijer, Desmond Hooymeijer, Finley Porta, Hadley Porta, August Porta, Landon Kendall, and Delaney Kendall; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Anne was preceded in death by her brothers, Paul Petrowski, John (Rita) Petrowski; and sister, Mary (Frank) Takach. Anne lived her early years on the banks of the Ohio River where she swam, rowed, and enjoyed the many activities of a neighborhood campground. She was an outstanding student at Robinson High School, graduating Salutatorian. She especially excelled at art, and as a young woman used her artistic talents hand painting and cutting designs into maroon vases at the historic Consolidated Glass Factory in Coraopolis. A member of what has been called "The Greatest Generation," she grew up during the Great Depression, personally surviving the historic flood of 1936, and worked in the factories of Neville Island and Coraopolis, making artillery shells and building naval vessels during the war years. She met Fred six months before he left for the war. He proposed and she promised to wait for him. Three and a half years, later Fred returned from overseas and they married. Together, they raised their five children in a house they built in Kennedy Township. Fred did the construction while Anne managed the finances of purchasing the property and materials. She was good at budgeting, even in tough times, managing to save a little while paying household bills, keeping the children fed, clothed, and enrolled in Catholic schools. When her children entered high school, she served on many school committees and volunteered at events. Anne loved being around people and being involved. She was a longtime member of Robinson Township's Young At Hearts Club. For more than twenty years she volunteered weekly preparing lunches for Meals on Wheels. Anne also took numerous trips through AARP. Anne remained a devout, practicing Catholic until her last day. Never one to speak negatively about another, she will be remembered as a great mother, a loving wife, and a caring kind friend. Self sacrificing and giving, she had few wants. Anne found happiness and contentment in the more basic aspects of life-knowing her family members were safe and happy, watching the 6 o'clock news, getting a friendly phone call or visit, listening to her ethnic music stations and CDs, or just living proudly in the house that she and her husband Fred built. Anne was a person to be admired. This genuinely good woman will be missed. Relatives and friends received Friday, October 4, 2024, from 4-8 PM at **MCDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME**, 334 Forest Grove Road, Coraopolis (Kennedy Township), PA 15108. Funeral prayer Saturday, October 5, 2024, at 9:15 AM, at the funeral home, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM, in Archangel Gabriel Parish, St. Malachy Church, 343 Forest Grove Road, Kennedy Township. Interment in Resurrection Cemetery, Moon Township. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Anne's memory may be made to The American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 or [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).

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