

CAROLE MARIE (FALKENHAN) TOTH



Age 84, passed away peacefully on October 25, 2024, in Phoenix, AZ. Born on September 19, 1940, in Crafton, PA, she was the oldest child of F. Carl Falkenhan and Marie Zerr. Carole cherished her siblings, Clare Ackermann (Tom, deceased), Karen Segas (Paul), Frank Falkenhan (Susan, deceased) and Judith Albenze (Jack).

Carole will be remembered as a wife to Steve; and proud mother to six children, Pamela Redding (Michael), Guy Toth (Wendy), Janet Hawkins (Jeff), Jay Toth (Brandy), Scott Toth (Dinna) and Kay Staebler (Ken). She had nine grandchildren, Madison Dembin, Ryan Toth, Jacob Toth, Emily Hawkins, Allison Hawkins, JT Hawkins, Caityln Staebler, Abigail Staebler and Camryn Toth. She was also a proud aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Carole graduated from Crafton High School in 1958 and earned her nursing certificate from Ohio Valley Hospital, where she had her first job. She pursued her RN degree from Duquesne University and was at the top of the inaugural class of its nursing program. While getting her RN, Carole worked as the Head Nurse in the Operating Room at Mayview State Hospital. This is where she met her husband, Steve. They married in 1965, she earned her RN in early 1966 and gave birth to her first child a month later.

Carole was a quintessential "swimming mom" with all six children competing in the sport. She made trips to the pool several times a day for years to drop off one child and pick up two more. She gave back to the sport that meant so much to her children by serving on the board of their swim club and volunteering as its Meet Director for years. She eventually became an official and worked the deck at swim meets for decades at both the club and high school levels.

Carole was a business administrator at Crafton Children's Corner for 19 years. She loved being around the children after all of hers were grown.

Grandma Carole was well known as a lifelong fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers. She did not miss a game and often passionately shouted at the TV, sometimes critiquing the play calling but always proud of her beloved "Stillers."

Grandma Carole was a terrific baker and pies were her specialty, specifically those that called for a rolled dough pastry crust. She swore by her mother's recipe for it and taught all of her daughters and grandchildren how to make it, with varying degrees of success.

Carole was an active member of the Rosary Family at St. Benedict's with 10 years of fellowship. She appreciated the peace it gave her and also the close connection to her fellow parishioners. She traveled with some of them on a pilgrimage to visit Medjugorje in Herzegovina, a site where Mary appeared.

Arrangements by **BEINHAUER**, where Carole's Visitation will be at 2828 Washington Road, McMurray, 15317, 724-941-3211, on Sunday, November 3, from 2-5 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, November 4, at 10 a.m., in St. Benedict the Abbot Church, St. John XXIII Parish. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to Hospice of the Valley in Phoenix because they provided excellent care to Carole.

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