

## **BONNIE G. (CANNING) DeLUCA**



Age 77, of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away peacefully, Friday, November 1, 2024. A longtime educator, Bonnie was born to Blanche and John Canning in Brooklyn, NY.

A graduate of Paul D. Schreiber High School in Port Washington, NY (Class of 1964), Bonnie went on to study Speech & Language Pathology at Hofstra University (Class of 1974) and later earned a master's degree. As an Air Force

spouse for many years, Bonnie moved quite a bit and served for 30-plus years as a K-8 speech pathologist and special educator in schools in New York, Italy, Texas, Nebraska, Germany, and Ohio. Bonnie was a passionate advocate for her students and impacted many lives throughout her career.

Bonnie loved to travel and instilled that love of exploring the world - by land and sea - in her daughter Kristin. A foodie who enjoyed trying restaurants around town (and the world), she was also a skilled cook who was known for many dishes including her incredible spaghetti carbonara. Bonnie was a reader of mysteries, a lifelong fan of John Denver, loved hot air balloons (they were her classroom décor of choice), and had an impressive collection of snowmen that came out every winter. Bonnie was a complex and opinionated woman who cared deeply for her friends and advocated strongly for causes and people she believed in.

Bonnie is survived by her daughter, Kristin DeLuca; and was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, John.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, her daughter requests donations be made to Special Olympics Pennsylvania, [specialolympicspa.org](http://specialolympicspa.org), whose mission Bonnie was connected to and supported over the years.

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