

BARBARA (COSTANTINO) ZYSK



Peacefully passed, surrounded by her family, on Friday, November 8, 2024, Barbara, age 88, from the South Hills, formerly of Crafton Heights. Her Costantino children include: Tony (Teresa), Susan (Rob) Kaczorowski, John (Sally), Roger (Tina), Maria (Peter) White, Richard (Mary Rose), and Robert (Tricia). Step-mother of: Kim (Chuck) Zysk-McHugh, and Shawn (Sharon) Zysk.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry "Ed" Early and Mildred Lea; her husband, Art Zysk; her sons, Stephen (Michelle) Costantino, James "Jimmy" Costantino; and stepson, Brian (Marie) Zysk; and her sisters and brothers-in-law, Kay (Don) McGinnis and Jean (Robert) Shortuse.

Barbara was adored by her 20 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews, cousins and long-time family friends.

Barbara was a 1954 graduate of South Hills High School, and later that year married Roger Costantino and had nine children by 1971. Those 16 years, Barbara devoted her energy in raising their children, one with severe health issues that required daily care.

In the 1980's, Barbara started working at PNC Bank as an operations specialist, and attended college at night, first at CCAC, and then Duquesne University, pursuing a BA degree in Psychology.

Time with family and engaging in simple pleasures gave Barbara joy and peace of mind, as she loved reading and gardening, visiting Cape Cod with daughter Maria and family, volunteering at Phipps Conservatory with husband Art, attending the many events that her grandchildren were participants in, and saying the Rosary with her children via weekly zoom meetings.

She loved playing cards with her friends and neighbors, especially with her dearest friend of sixty years, Marlene Petrone.

She could not attend a family or holiday event without bringing her "famous" lasagna and sweet sausage-and thankfully, this also prevented son Richie from whining about not having it!

Friends and family received Monday, November 11, 2024, from 6-8 PM and Tuesday, 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM, at **SCHEPNER-MCDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME INC.**, 165 Noble Ave., Crafton, 412-921-3661. A Funeral prayer will be held at 9:00 AM, at the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, November 13, 2024, in St. Philip Catholic Church, 50 W. Crafton Avenue, Crafton. Family would like to publicly thank Kane Community Living Center and the Hospice Wing (5th Floor) at St. Clair Health (Hospital) for their compassionate care to Barbara and her family.

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