

BETTY J. (BURTON) BENECKI

June 5, 1932 - November 17, 2024



Betty Jane Benecki, age 92, passed peacefully into Heaven in her sleep the morning of November 17, 2024. Betty had experienced numerous hospital and rehab stays since the spring of 2023, and was doing well under Hospice care. The night before she passed, she spent a joyful evening in the company of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, laughing and singing silly songs. Her family

will always have happy memories of that last night.

Betty was born in West Tarentum and graduated from Tarentum High School in 1951. She worked as a secretary for Industrial Appraisal, and Local 29. In 1955, she married Henry J. Benecki, and began her career as a homemaker, raising 4 children, Karen (Robert) Thimons, JoAnn (Robin) King, Susan (David) Love, and Brad Benecki. After the kids were grown, she returned to work, at Altmeyer's Home Store, and Kindercare, both of which she enjoyed. She also volunteered with the Plum Boro Meals on Wheels at the time of its founding and for years afterwards. Betty loved being in the company of her family and pets, playing games, and would rarely say no to a Bingo invitation or fried shrimp at Mohan's.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband and love of her life, Hank, her parents Fred and Josephine (Pavlik) Burton, and her beloved stepfather Walter G. Lippenot. Besides her children, "Baba Betty" leaves behind five grandchildren, Michael (Jessie) Grattan, Ashley (Brian) Turner, Zachary (Rebecca) Thimons, Andrew Love, and Austin (Hannah) Love, and seven great-grandchildren, Lily, Josie, Ellie, Sophie, Sadie, Lucy and Leona.

Betty's family would like to thank Dr. Christopher Olbrich and the nursing staff at Penn Plum Medical for their extraordinary care of mom, especially during the last 10 years. Thanks also to Betty's many loving caregivers and gifted therapists, who encouraged her and helped her to be her "Best 92," particularly Tim, Lynn, Sophia, Misty, Starr, Rylee, Lindsay, Janelle, and the staff of Seneca Hills Village, where she lived what she called "a perfect life" for 7 years with her beloved cat.

A memorial service will be planned at a future date, when family can all be gathered from out of town.

Betty had several areas close to her heart, especially MS Research and animal rescue shelters. Her family suggests donations to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (nationalmssociety.org), Humane Animal Rescue (humaneanimalrescue.org), Animal Protectors (animalprotectors.net), or the pet rescue charity of your choice.



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