

## PATRICIA CEPKO POLANSKY



Of Pittsburgh, passed away on November 27, 2024. Born and raised in Pittsburgh, she was the daughter of Henry and Stella Cepko. Pat graduated from St. Rosalia High School and the University of Pittsburgh. Pat was a pioneering woman in information technology supporting small and mid-size clients with business systems and technical support. She had leadership positions at Alpern Rosenthal, Red Square

and Technology Consultants Alliance. Pat was also a leader in the non-profit sector. She was the Board Chair for Beginning With Books and served on the Board of the Propel Schools Foundation. Pat played a key role in developing a business strategy that helped set the stage for the Power Of Propel scholarship fundraising event, which has provided over \$1.1 million to 126 post-secondary scholarships to deserving Propel seniors.

Pat was a vibrant, optimistic spirit who embraced life with enthusiasm and humor, even in the face of medical challenges. She had an enduring love for her family, and travel. Pat cherished connecting with lifelong friends. A fierce competitor in Scrabble, she especially loved playing against her devoted husband. Pat's positivity and zest for life left an indelible mark on all who knew her. Pat was the beloved wife of Gregory Polansky with whom she shared 30 years of marriage. She is survived by her sister, Judith (Dennis) Ondo; niece, Renee (Patrick) Geiger; and nephew, Ryan (Lindsay) Ondo. She was a great-aunt to Gavin and Kiera Gieger and to Jordan, Rylin, and Blake Ondo. Family will welcome friends on Sunday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. at **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME**, 7720 Perry Highway. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Saint John Neumann Church on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Propel Schools Foundation in memory of Pat. Checks may be payable to Propel Schools Foundation and mailed to 3447 East Carson Street, Pgh., PA 15203 or contribute online at [www.propelschools.org/donate](http://www.propelschools.org/donate) and directed to the scholarship program.

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