

LILLIAN M. (TRELLO) RICCI R.N.

July 26, 1931-December 25, 2024



Of McKees Rocks, (Robinson Twp.), formerly of Kennedy Twp., age 93, passed away with her family by her side, on December 25, 2024. Lillian is now reunited in heaven with her late husband of 69 years, Ernest Ricci, Jr. Lillian is survived by her son, Ernest B. Ricci (Sherry); grandchildren, Ernest A. Ricci, Esq. (Judy) of Naples, FL, Dr. Gianni Ricci (Caitlin) of Columbus, GA; her four beautiful great-

grandchildren, Siena, Ernie V, Bella and Sullivan Gianni.

Lillian is the daughter of the late Pasquale "Patsy" and Emelia (Vallera) Trello; the sister of the late Joan "Jean" Mariano, Anthony, Albert, Fred, Armondo and Mary (Mamie) Massey. Lillian is survived by her brother, Ernest Trello of Moon Twp.

Lillian graduated from the Ohio Valley Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1952 and was a proud member of the OVGH Nurses Alumni Association. Lillian worked in OB/GYN until she was 79 years old. If you had a baby at Ohio Valley Hospital between 1949 and 2010, there is a good chance Lil Ricci was your OB nurse. Lillian delivered generations of babies during her 61 years as an OB nurse. Wherever she went, women would say "you were my nurse" or "you delivered my baby." Many patients would call Lillian at her home about their pregnancy. She always told them to call her back anytime but don't bother the doctor! Lillian was extremely proud when her nieces, Patricia, Lilly Beth, Dolly Kay; and her great-niece, Stephanie followed in her footsteps and entered the nursing profession.

Lillian also worked at our family sausage business, running the kitchen, baking Lil's famous hot sausage rolls, rolling meatballs and making her homemade sauce. Most importantly, Lil made sure the kitchen was spotless, enjoyed talking to customers and sharing her recipes. Lil appeared in "Meat Pittsburgh" produced by Rick Sebak. Lil also appeared in the Feast of the Seven Fish and Grandmother's Wisdom with Chris Fennimore, cooking and sharing family recipes. When Chris Fennimore asked Lil, why she used red peppers instead of green peppers for the stuffed pepper recipe, the exchange is a classic! In "Meat Pittsburgh," Lil rattled off a list of her daily duties to Rick Sebak! Lil was a huge fan of KDKA Radio and always listened to John Cigna - Spaghetti Breakfast, Rob Pratte - Feast of the Seven Fish, Larry Richert and Marty Griffin. "Oh that Marty, he never lets Larry talk!" Cooking was a production in the kitchen on Christmas Eve with her grandchildren, Ernest and Gianni. Deep frying the shrimp, scallops and smelts was a work of art. The pie crust on the Easter ricotta pie and serving polenta on a board was a masterpiece. Teaching and keeping our family traditions were important. Lil's grandchildren were her life and she never missed the opportunity to tell you! Lil enjoyed over 28 cruises with her late husband and took her grandchildren to Italy, Alaska and through the Panama Canal. Lil and Ernie celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary and renewed their wedding vows with Bishop David Zubik at Cana in Galilee. Lil's beloved husband, Ernie passed away five months before their 70th wedding anniversary. Special thank you to Norm Mitry, President/CEO of Heritage Valley Health Systems, Dr. Malkamaki, Dr. Coppola and the amazing team at Encompass Health in Kennedy Twp., Dr. Luther and the Neurosurgery team at Allegheny General Hospital and the very special "Angels" at Holy Family Manor and Commonwealth Hospice. Your kindness and compassion were greatly appreciated throughout this difficult journey. Relatives and friends received on Friday, January 3, 2025, from 2-4 P.M. and 6-8 P.M., at **McDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME**, 334 Forest Grove Road, Coraopolis, (Kennedy Twp.), PA 15108. Funeral prayer, Saturday, January 3, 2025, at 9 A.M., at the funeral home, followed by Mass of Christian Burial, at 10 A.M., in Archangel Gabriel Parish, St. Mary, Help of Christians Church, 1101 Church Ave., McKees Rocks. Interment to follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Moon Township. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Lillian's memory be made to WQED Multimedia - QED Cooks, 4802 5th Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

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