

ROSE MARIE "ROSIE" KARISH



Rose Marie "Rosie" Karish, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 7, 2025, at UPMC East Hospital, surrounded by the love of her family and the grace of the Lord. Born on November 11, 1929, in Turtle Creek/Wilkins, Rose was the daughter of Giovanni and Sarah DiTommaso. She graduated from Turtle Creek High School in 1947 before continuing her education at

Duff's Business Institute. Rose's life was marked by deep connections, including her lifelong friendship with Mary Jane, whom she met on a double date with their future husbands Lou and Gilbert (Jumbo). Their second encounter was at Rockwell a week later where they discovered they both worked, solidified their bond as best friends for life. In 1950, Rose married her true love, Lou Karish, and together they created a loving home, raising two sons, Louis, born 1952 (who preceded her in death in 1964) and Ken, born in 1955. In 1959, they opened the World-Famous Overlook Lounge, a beloved family business they proudly operated for 60 years. Rose's warm smile and gracious hospitality made her a cherished figure at the lounge, where she could always be found serving up her famous sandwiches or pizzas. Rose's life was richly blessed when her son Ken and his wife Cheryl brought two beautiful granddaughters into the world, Cassi and Kaila. She reveled in her role as grandmother, doting on the girls with love and joy, and sharing with them the experiences she missed in raising boys. Rose was preceded in death by her beloved husband Lou; her brothers, Angelo and wife, Dorothy and John "JJ" and wife, Joanne. She is survived by her son, Ken and his wife, Cheryl (Oakley) Karish; granddaughters, Cassi Ruggles (husband Jason and great-granddaughter Camryn Oakley) and Kaila Bolden (husband Allen and great-granddaughters Charlee Rose and Ivy June); as well as, numerous nieces, nephews, and friends who will miss her deeply. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at UPMC East and Beatty Pointe for their compassionate care and support throughout the years. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Leukemia Foundation in Rose's honor. She will be forever remembered for her kindness, laughter, and the loving legacy she leaves behind. "Rest in peace Rosie." Arrangements entrusted to the **FRANK F. GIGLER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, Robert P. Karish, Supervisor, Lower Burrell (724-335-6500). www.giglerfuneralhome.com.

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