

JEAN ELIZABETH (O'DONNELL) ONDERKO



Jean Elizabeth (O'Donnell) Onderko passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on March 12, 2025, at age 84, in Denver. She was a whip-smart, funny, caring, incredibly strong woman who will be dearly missed by her husband of 61 years, Edward M. Onderko; her four daughters (Karen Onderko, Beth Vagle, Michele Onderko, and Patty Onderko); and her seven grandchildren (Evan, Jane, and Camille Doherty; Ben and

Adam Vagle; Nathan and Theo Onderko).

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1940, Jean graduated with honors from Duquesne University as an accounting major, alongside her soon-to-be husband, Ed. The pair were avid travelers and lived in many cities in addition to Denver, including Tokyo (where Jean earned her MBA while pregnant with her fourth child), Hong Kong, and Cleveland and Columbus, OH. She was a powerful community organizer everywhere she lived. Her full tribute can be found at monarchsociety.com.

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