

# GEORGIANA "GEORGIE" BARBARICH KNAUS

February 22, 1928-March 25, 2025



Georgiana Barbarich Knaus, lovingly known as "Georgie," passed away peacefully on March 25, 2025, in the home she and her husband built in 1958, where she lived for 67 years. She was 97 years old and ready to be reunited in heaven with her beloved husband, Bill.

Born on February 22, 1928, in Broughton, PA, Georgie was the daughter of Matthew and Eva Barbarich, immigrants from Zaostrog, Croatia. She was preceded in death by her cherished siblings, Ned Barbarich and Nancy Barbarich Bayto.

Georgie was the devoted wife of the late William Anton Knaus (Bill), with whom she shared 64 wonderful years of marriage. They first met in a dance hall in Curry after Bill returned from the Korean War, and their love story took them to Little Rock, AR, where they wed, followed by a honeymoon in Acapulco, Mexico. Together, they returned to Bethel Park and built a life filled with love, family, faith, and unwavering partnership, the kind of bond that defined the Greatest Generation.

Georgie is survived by her four children, Barbara Knaus Mistick, Anton (Tony) Knaus, Deedra Knaus (Tom Businger), and Carole Knaus. She was the proud grandmother to Sloane Davidson (Taylor), Tori Mistick, Adriana Mistick, Nicholas Knaus, and Molly Knaus Grunberg; and a great-grandmother to Felix and Monroe Davidson.

After completing secretarial school, Georgie began her career at the YWCA in Pittsburgh and later worked at Alloy Manufacturing. While raising her family, she also played an active role in the family business, Colonial Taxi, demonstrating a quiet strength, a fierce sense of duty and great grammar skills.

Georgie's faith was a cornerstone of her life along with a strong sense of community. She was a devoted member of St. Valentine Church, their Women's Guild (Christian Mothers), and Golf League and the Bethel Park Women's Club. She was also a board member of the Bethel Park Public Library.

Beyond her community involvement, she was a woman of timeless style and grace. Georgie had a passion for golfing, dancing, baking and sewing. Her grandkids fondly remember her brownies and lemon bars. She found joy in traveling, especially when visiting family in Croatia, New Zealand and Australia.

Georgie's determination, at times stubborn nature and unwavering love for her family and friends will be deeply missed.

Family and friends will be received Sunday, from 3-6 PM, at **PAUL HENNEY CREMATION & FUNERAL TRIBUTES**, 5570 Library Rd., Bethel Park. Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, 10 AM, at St. Valentine Church, Bethel Park. Burial will follow at Melrose Cemetery, Bridgeville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bethel Park Public Library or Little Sisters of the Poor.

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