



Theresa "Terry" (Billy) Sofa

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Theresa "Terry" (Billy) Soffa, Age 81 of South Park, PA passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family after a battle with cancer on February 4, 2020. Terry was born in McKeesport Hospital on September 23, 1938 to Albert and Laura Billy (both deceased). Preceded in death by her soul mate for 56 years, John "Jack" Soffa, who passed away Feb 7, 2019. Also preceded in death by sisters Vicki (Billy) Trainor, her husband John, and Alberta "Bobbie" (Billy) Fedor, her husband Gene, and her nephew Aaron Billy Moon. She is survived by her four loving daughters, Monica T. Costanzo and Rachel E. (Billy) Zilcosky, both of Bethel Park, Greta S. (Brad) Parker of King of Prussia PA and Jill M. Soffa of Audubon, NJ, sisters Mary Jo (Bert) Lazar of Elizabeth, PA and Becky (Wally) Moon of Allentown, PA; as well as her loving extended family and friends. Jack and Terry were blessed with nine grandchildren, Cassie (Dave) Vadala, Marena Costanzo, Katie and Zoe Zilcosky, John, Patrick, and Mara Parker, and Derek and Nadya Nemeth.

Terry graduated from Clairton High School in 1956 and then went on to work as an executive secretary for US Steel Corporation in Pittsburgh and Detroit, MI. After Terry and Jack started a family, Terry was a devoted homemaker, raising four daughters and volunteering her time to her daughters' activities and many great causes. While Terry and Jack's daughters were in school, Terry worked part-time as a substitute teacher's aide for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit helping to teach and care for children with disabilities. Later, Terry continued her secretarial career at the University of Pittsburgh in the office of undergraduate admissions. She retired as the private secretary to Mellon Professor, Fritz Ringer, in the History Department. Terry loved her extended family and friends dearly and until her illness, she and Jack hosted an annual Christmas Eve dinner with all the traditional Slovak foods. They enjoyed many family beach vacations. (mostly to Hilton Head SC) Terry was very active in the Pittsburgh Ostomy Society and served as President for 5 years and



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Program Chair for 25 years. She was also a certified visitor to new people with ostomy surgery. She and Jack were members of the St. Thomas á Becket Prayer Group since its inception in 1990. She was an active member of her high school reunions over the years and enjoyed many loving friendships with her Clairton high school friends.

Arrangements are being handled by JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC, 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. There will be a viewing at JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM and from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. On Saturday February 8, 2020, there will be a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM at St. Thomas á Becket Church, 139 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills, PA 15025, Fr. Daniel Maurer will preside. Family kindly asks that all guests meet at church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations, if desired, can be made to St. Thomas á Becket Church, 139 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills, PA 15025, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, 1000 Liberty Ave., Suite 1602, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or the Aaron Billy Moon Memorial Fund (ABMMF) - www.slhn.org/development/ways-to-give/aaron-billy-moon.



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SH

Sharon posted:

As a member of the Pittsburgh Ostomy Society, I had the privilege of seeing Terry's heart to serve and help. Her tireless work there is no doubt the reason we are still going strong today. Her welcoming presence will be missed.

February 6 at 12:32 PM

CP

Chris Pitrone posted:

Dear Monica and family, I am so sorry to hear the news of your mom's passing. I have many fond memories of visiting your house when we were in high school. Your mom was always so warm and welcoming, making all her visitors feel at home. Her kind spirit will live on in the hearts of her daughters and grandchildren. Chris (Stugan) Pitrone

February 6 at 12:06 PM

DP

Diane Peterson posted:

Terry was beautiful, bright and very kind. She was the best babysitter that Craig and I ever had! I loved knowing her throughout the years and seeing her at the Clairton High School reunions. The world has lost one of its very best!

February 5 at 4:37 PM

RW

Ruth Walters posted:

Terry and I shared Commercial classes at CHS and graduated together in 1956. Those teachers taught us very well as we both went on to practice our secretarial skills in the academic and business worlds. It was always a pleasure to greet her at the CHS reunion picnics. I will miss seeing her smiling face at those events. My deepest sympathy to the family.

February 5 at 12:44 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Theresa by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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