



Patricia L. Martz

November 20, 1937 - March 21, 2025

Patricia L. Schaeffer Martz, 87, of Templeton, formerly of Clarion, went to be with Jesus on Friday evening, March 21, 2025 at Good Samaritan Hospice in Wexford.

She was born at home in Paint Township on November 20, 1937 to the late Walter and Celia Reddinger Schaeffer.

Patty was a 1955 graduate of Clarion Area High School.

She married her high school sweetheart, Harry E. "Ellzie" Martz, Jr., on November 25, 1955 by Rev. Alfred J. Fischer at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion. Ellzie preceded her in death on October 8, 2024. They were married for 68 years.

Patty was a homemaker while raising her daughters and was a talented seamstress, making many of their clothes. When her daughters were older, Patty went to work at the former Riverside/Bilo in Clarion, retiring after 23 years. In her later years, she enjoyed making purses, some of which were donated for fundraisers. Patty also enjoyed baking, shelling at Sanibel and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her 3 daughters, Susan Smith of Surprise, AZ, Leslie (Carl) Wright of Rochester Mills, and Dina (Shawn) Unger of Templeton; 4 grandchildren, Joey (Makayla) Unger, Kayelee Smith (Jesse Floyd), Jake (Clarissa) Unger, and Olivia Wright; and 6 great-grandchildren, Brealeigh Smith, Jayce Unger, Gaige Unger, Teagan Unger, Jaxx Unger, and Ryker Unger.

Patty is also survived by her sisters, Mary Jane McCall of Clarion, Nancy Weidner of Shippenville, Janet DiVito of Nevada, and Norma (Ken) Clark of Dubois; numerous nieces and nephews and her special friends, Chris Heinrich, Kevin Slike, and Emmy Hartle.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Barbara Bailey, and 4 brothers-in-law, Gary "Beetle" Bailey, Clinton "Bub" McCall, Don Weidner, and Don DiVito.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the wonderful nurses that took care of Patty in her final days. You truly are angels on earth.

The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion is handling the arrangements. A private graveside service will be officiated by Rev. Monty Sayers at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery in Clarion where inurnment will take place beside her beloved husband.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Patty's honor to Concordia Visiting Nurses online at concordialm.org or to Good Samaritan Hospice, 146 Neely School Road, Wexford, PA 15090.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery

Clarion, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Rest in Peace Aunt Patty with Uncle Elzie* ”



David Clark - March 24, 2025 at 01:31 PM

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“*Susie, Leslie and Dina so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. It seems like it was yesterday when I would visit with Aunt Patty in the Deli and Bakery when we worked together at Riverside Market. She was always smiling and glad to talk. Angie and I will be praying for you all in your time of loss.*

Dear God,

Today, my heart aches for my dear cousins Susie, Leslie and Dina. You know their pain, the hollow feeling of losing their mom—the one who held them, guided them, loved them through everything. There are no words big enough to ease this kind of loss, but I ask You to be near.

Hold them close in this storm of sadness. Remind them that they're not alone. Let them feel their mother's love still surrounding them—in memories, in stories, in quiet moments of grace.

Help them breathe through the hard days. When tears come, let them be healing. When silence feels too loud, speak peace into their soul. And when the weight feels too heavy, carry it with them.

Thank You for the gift their mother was—not just to them, but to all who knew her. May her love live on in them, in the way they care, the way they show up, the way they love others.

Give Susie, Leslie and Dina rest. Give them strength. And most of all, give them hope.

Amen.

David Clark - March 24, 2025 at 01:10 PM

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Thank you David for the beautiful prayer. We will cherish the memories of her love and life with us, and look forward to the day when we can be with her again.

Susie, Leslie and Dina

Susie - March 25, 2025 at 09:01 AM

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“ *You are in thoughts and prayers.*”



Judy Calcutta - March 24, 2025 at 09:40 AM