



## Charlene G. McKay

May 28, 1951 - January 31, 2026

Charlene Grace McKay, age 74, of New Kensington, PA passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 31, 2026. She was born on May 28, 1951, to the late Charles R. McKay and Mary Agnes Lebo McKay. Charlene grew up in West Deer Township and was a graduate of Deer Lakes High School.

Survivors include her sisters, Cheryl Ann Wyble of Tarentum, PA, Suzanne Cora Call of East Liverpool, Ohio and her brother Daniel Eugene (Karen) McKay Sr. of Murrysville, PA. Charlene was also survived by her good friend and companion, James (JT) Thompson of Butler, PA. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

Charlene was a Licensed Practical Nurse and had retired from the V.A. Medical Center on Highland Drive in Pittsburgh, PA. She was a devoted Catholic and lived a life defined by kindness, generosity and an unwavering commitment to helping others. Her acts of compassion touched countless lives, often in ways she never spoke about, because she gave without expecting anything in return. She had a heart of gold and was the Matriarch for the entire McKay family and believed in keeping peace. She loved teddy bears, Motown music and was known for her signature phrase "Big Hugs!". Charlene was a wonderful sister and aunt and will be greatly missed.

She was predeceased by her husband Edward Edinger, her sisters Mary Ellen

Rawlings and Virginia Edinger and her brothers Robert McKay Sr., James McKay, Patrick McKay and Joseph McKay. Also predeceased by her niece Jennifer Lynn McKay.

At Charlene's request funeral arrangements were private. A Catholic Mass and a celebration of her life will be held in her honor at a later time. Family and friends will be notified with the details in the near future.

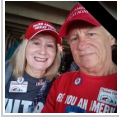
Professional services entrusted to Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 930 Center Avenue Blawnox, PA, 15238; [www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com](http://www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Charlene was one of the kindest and sweetest human beings I have ever known.* ”

**Bonnie J Reckhart** - February 06 at 07:14 PM



*I remember her as a sweet and kind girl in school.*

**Tom Cheman** - February 06 at 07:37 PM



*Sending condolences and prayers to the family. I didn't know Charlene personally, but she clearly touched many lives and will be greatly missed.*

**Ruth Russell** - February 06 at 08:05 PM

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*I am sorry to see this so late but I would like to send my hear felt condolences to Charlene's family.. I'm sure they miss her beautiful smile, I remember that the most about her.. she was so kind and gentle.. I remember I would make her laugh, or maybe she was laughing at me.. that's ok, many did.. I'm glad she was a friend of mine.. know she was a 'Good friend and a wonderful person' but I'm sure all who knew her knew that too' 🌹❤️🌹*

**Tootsie Marmo** - May 19 at 07:26 PM