



Claudia A. Downie

January 30, 1943 - November 17, 2017

Claudia A. Downie (Ruszala)

Age 74, born in Pittsburgh, PA, was called home to Our Lord on November 17, 2017.

Beloved daughter of the late Thaddeus and Helen (Bartus) Ruszala; sister of the late Joan Ruszala , Thaddeus "Sonny" (Carol), Maryann (Thomas) Wood, Cynthia (Russell) Pietrzak, and Bernadette Shaffer. Beloved wife of Frank N. Downie; loving mother of Michelle (Christian) McKelvey and Christina; grandmother of Scott R. Southerland. Claudia was a dedicated staff member of the American Legion throughout her career.

A private family viewing and memorial service were held at Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, Ltd. (Blawnox)

Interment in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

Tribute Wall



“ *Claudia A. Downie*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Claudia A. Downie*

October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *I am devastated to hear of Claudia's passing. We went to St. Josaphat grade school together, and she was my best friend. I have so many fond memories of Claudia and her family. It's unfortunate we didn't keep in touch. We went our separate ways in high school. She will always have a special place in my heart. My prayers go out to you, her family. "Mourn not too long that she is gone, but rejoice that she was."*

Pat (Moskiewski) Taormina

Pat Taormina - November 23, 2017 at 11:20 AM