



Dolores Isherwood

February 25, 1935 - October 9, 2021

Dolores Antoinette Isherwood

On Saturday, October 9, 2021 devoted wife, mother of three children and grandmother of two grandchildren, passed away peacefully at 86 years of age. Dolores was born on February 25, 1935 in Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania to Raymond T. Rakowski and Genevieve "Jenny" (Zaboski). In childhood and adolescents she was a devoted Catholic and spent time attending public school in the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. During her early adult years she spent time working in retail stores in New Kensington, PA as a clerk and store manager. On October 16, 1965, she married Gordon Isherwood, a Penn Hills Police Officer, at Trinity Lutheran Church. She spent her early married years as a stay at home mom, raising three children and committing her time, energy and life to their well-being. Later, she partnered with her husband to run several successful businesses including a photography business, a catering company, a restaurant and tavern, and a t-shirt embroidery company. Dolores was an incredibly hard working women and modeled this her entire life to everyone around her. Proverbs 31:31 epitomizes her life, "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring praise at the city gate." She worked until she was 80 years old and only stopped because her husband could no longer work by her side. She was an amazing role model to her children and grandchildren and instilled in all of them a good work ethic and commitment to family. Dolores was preceded in death by her Husband Gordon, father Raymond, step-father

Steven, mother Jenny, brothers Donald Rakowski and Raymond Rakowski, and sister Elinor (Rakowski) Strang. She is survived by her three children, Gordon (Stacey), Robert (Kelly), and Sandra (James) Zembrowski; her two grandchildren, Teddi and Michael, and her two half-sisters, Leona (Bob) Brink, and Janice (Chuck) Waltenbaugh. At Dolores's request a private family gathering is planned.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dolores Isherwood*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Dolores Isherwood*

October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dolores Isherwood.*



October 12, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ *Dee and I send everyone our heartfelt condolences.*
Bob Michelucci

bob michelucci - October 12, 2021 at 01:07 PM

LG

“ So many memories, so very many years of love & laughter. She put up with so much from all of us, and would shake her head and laugh. ❤️ She & Gordy worked so hard to instill in each of us the principles of hard work & helping others. They made a point of employing family & friends in their business ventures, and including us kids in the work.



In between, trying to teach us to polka, while we tried to teach them about our music. Slow dancing with our dads while our moms laughed & joked. Then watching our parents slow dance....💕 The sleepovers where we kept her up half the night. Late night grocery shopping with the Lists from Hell. 🤪 Wow... so many memories are coming to me...

I'm sure once the reunion is over, you and Gordy will be slow dancing to Heaven's Choir. Be at peace with the knowledge you loved and were loved. You left a mark on a lot more people than you can imagine. ❤️

Lisa Guido - October 12, 2021 at 12:28 PM

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“ I will always remember all of the great times I had at your mom's.. making Christmas cookies, having Easter egg hunts with the kids or just hanging out. Dee was always so thoughtful and funny...I will miss her!

teresa shannon - October 11, 2021 at 09:36 PM

MI

“ Godspeed to our Pennhills family. Thanks for sharing a bit of your lives with our mom and papa guido! That is one heck of a heavenly family reunion going on! With love and hugs, Mike & Angie

mike - October 11, 2021 at 08:39 PM