



Gladys R. Benedek

March 15, 2022

Gladys Benedek, loving wife to the late Dr. Thomas G Benedek, died peacefully March 15 of heart failure after a short illness at the Longwood Retirement Community in Verona, PA. Gladys was a devoted mother to their 3 children: James (wife Laurie), David, Martha (husband John Mather), and she was also devoted to 3 grandchildren Dakota, Philip, Melissa. She is also survived by her sister Evelyn Norcross of Aurora, IL and sister-in-law Judy Daskal of Chicago, IL.

Born in Chicago, IL in 1927, Gladys was valedictorian of her high school class and continued further education at the University of Chicago, graduating at age 19 in 1946 with a BS in Chemistry and minor in Mathematics. One of the few women to be accepted to the U of C Medical School, it was in a pre-med class where she met Thomas Benedek and they married in 1950. She had no regrets having chosen family life over a medical career, and they enjoyed 70 happy years together until Tom's passing in early 2021.

His medical career brought them to Pittsburgh in 1956. Gladys was involved with the University of Pittsburgh Women's Association, the PTA (Parent Teachers Assn) and she was very active in the League of Women Voters to promote voting and civil rights. In later years, Gladys helped many people with completing their tax returns at the City-County Building. Throughout her life she supported many charitable causes.

Gladys had a positive nature that was felt by all those who met her. After 60 years in their warm and welcoming family home in Squirrel Hill, Tom and

Gladys moved to Longwood in Verona where they enjoyed their final years. In lieu of flowers, please visit the Arbor Day Foundation where your donation will plant trees in one of our nation's forests, [shop.arborday.org /trees-in-memory](http://shop.arborday.org/trees-in-memory) or make a donation to a charity of your choice.

Her ashes will be buried next to her husband's ashes at the Veterans National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Gladys will be greatly missed by all who knew her kindness, optimism and generosity. A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Tribute Wall



“ I was so sad to see that Gladys has passed. I didn't know her well, but I hit her car in the Giant Eagle parking lot in Shadyside years ago and remember how kind she was. She thanked me for leaving a note rather than getting mad that I'd damaged her car. I was much younger at the time and had been terrified that she would be mean when we made contact. We formed a connection when we spoke about the cost of the damages (she opted for minimal repairs to keep the costs down for me) and kept in touch for a little while after. May her memory be for a blessing. She was a good and kind soul.

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