



Karen R. Barness

June 23, 1943 - February 6, 2017

Our beloved mother went home to be with the Lord and was welcomed by her husband and family who were waiting for her in heaven. Karen R. Barness, 73 of Center Twp., passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 6, 2017. She was born June 23, 1943, in Aliquippa and was the daughter of the late Abraham F. and Freda (Sam) Charles. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Barness; a brother, Gerry Charles; sister, Janice Beca, and brother-in-law, John Barness. Karen was a faithful member of St. Frances Cabrini Roman Catholic Church, the Confraternity of Christian Mother's and the Hospitality Committee where she served as vice president. She was a graduate of Aliquippa High School, Duff's Business and a recent graduate of Carlow College. Karen retired as a public relations specialist for NOVA Chemical. She was also formerly employed at Town Center Associates in Beaver and the Center Township Municipal Building, Center Twp. Karen was very active throughout the community formerly serving on the following boards: Center Area School Board, President, B.F. Jones Library and BCTA. She currently was a member of Beaver County Planning Commission, Beaver County CED board and Vice Chairwoman of the Center Twp. Zoning Board. Karen is survived by her loving daughter, Rochelle Barness, Center Twp.; a son, Jason Barness, Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers, two sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law, Jim Barness, Andy (Linda) Barness, Barb Barness, and Joseph Becca and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends. Karen was known for her kind heart, her willingness to

help and the love and devotion she gave to her family. She always called everyone "Sweetheart" and made them feel special. At Karen's request, there will not be visitation. Family and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian burial on Friday, February 10, 2017, at 10 a.m. in St. Frances Cabrini Church. Father Martin Bartel, O.S.B., will officiate the Mass. Interment will be private. Arrangements were entrusted to ANTHONY MASTROFRANCESCO FUNERAL HOME INC., 724-375-0496. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital