



Joyce Rose Shenian

May 25, 1936 - February 18, 2024

Joyce Rose Shenian passed away peacefully on Sunday February 18th, at Waverly Heights in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania, surrounded by her family. Born May 25th, 1936, to Richard and Sarah Farashian. Joyce grew up in Ocean City, New Jersey and attended Rider College.

Joyce was incredibly dedicated to her family providing them with boundless love and support until her final days. Predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Popkin, Sr., in 2002, Joyce is survived by her children Popkin C., Joy Palazzese (Jeff), and Lauren McMahon. She also leaves behind her adored grandchildren, Richard and Christy Palazzese, with whom she was able to spend many cherished moments. Her brother Richard, and sister Elaine also survive her.

Joyce was an adoring and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She flawlessly coordinated six family moves during her husband's long career at General Electric, helping her family integrate into each new community. In each place, she became actively involved, passionately volunteering her time and energy to many local organizations. She was a top residential realtor in the Berkshires and the first woman to be on the Board of The Pittsfield Country Club in Massachusetts.

Joyce's greatest contributions to her family and those in need came later in

life. After her husband was diagnosed Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD), she was able to care for him at home, providing daily love and attention at great personal sacrifice. Joyce went on to become a founding Board Member of The Association of Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD), which became an international organization. She traveled around the country on behalf of AFTD, providing comfort and support for other families affected by FTD.

Joyce was an active member of Merion Cricket Club and The Junior League of Philadelphia.

Funeral services will be private. A celebration of Joyce's life will be held at The Merion Cricket Club.

To continue Joyce's compassionate work with those affected by FTD, the family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Association of Frontotemporal Degeneration (www.theaftd.org).

Tribute Wall

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“Joyce was a very special person and an advocate for so many. For more than 20 years I had the privilege to know Joyce and her efforts to support The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration of which she was a founding Board member with my mother. She was always kind to me and inquisitive about my life. A woman with a big heart and a strong conviction to make a difference for others. She will be missed by many. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.

- Gary Radin

Gary Radin - March 08, 2024 at 02:58 PM

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“Joyce made us feel so special as AFTD staffers, cherished, as if we were her own family. She would shower us with treats during the holidays and always have something tucked away for us at our family education conferences. I felt like I had been blessed with a second mom. She was the AFTD Board member I always sought out at our events to have a cozy chat for a few minutes. She was kind, generous, warm-hearted and a joy to be with. And a force of nature in her drive to support FTD families and other causes close to her heart.

Nadine Tatton

Nadine Tatton - February 27, 2024 at 08:59 PM

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“Joyce was such a delightful woman. Always smiling and always helpful .It was always such a delight when she would come over to visit us. And she was so kind and caring to Andy over the years. She will truly be missed.

Jim Stambaugh

Jim Stambaugh - February 22, 2024 at 03:29 PM

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“Mrs. Shenian was one of the exquisitely beautiful women I have ever known. Her smile was Sunshine coming from her heart. No matter what her sites were to do during her day in conversation she was the only focus at that time. With love and gratitude for allowing me know you!!! Trish (MCC)

Patricia Kincade - February 21, 2024 at 10:25 AM

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Joyce Shenian was a lovely woman with a beautiful heart, soul and mind. She was always gracious and kind to all those with whom she came into contact. She was one of the most interesting women I ever met and she knew how to have a good time!!! May her beautiful soul rest in Peace. ❤️❤️❤️ Mary Parson

Mary Parson - February 26, 2024 at 09:23 AM

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Thank you everyone who shared their thoughts and condolences for our dear mom. Her family is reading and cherishing the stories you've shared. We miss our mother/grandmother dearly. Your shared memories mean the world to us. We deeply appreciate your kind words in honor of our mother. with much gratitude, Lauren💕💕💕

Lauren - March 29, 2024 at 10:09 AM