



Gwendolyn F. Walwender

November 26, 1947 - December 18, 2023

Gwendolyn Frances Walwender, age 76, of Monroeville, passed away on Monday, December 18, 2023. She was born November 26, 1947, in Canonsburg, PA. to Richard Gastgeb and Frances Baselj. She is survived by her beloved husband of 56 years, Raymond J. Walwender. Loving mother of Chris Walwender (Christine), Debbie Walwender and “2nd daughter” Joy; sister of Wayne (Martha) Gastgeb; also survived by her adopted grandchildren: Ryan, Joshua, Shawn, Abby, Ashley, Vivian, Jeremy, and Justin; and her best friend and partner in crime, Patty. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Karen Campbell. Gwen graduated from Chartiers Valley High School, where she had been the head majorette. She was an avid gardener, talented seamstress, quilter, and crafter. She volunteered at the Friends Thrift Store and Stockings for Soldiers. There will be no visitation. She will be honored at a Celebration of Life that is planned for the summer of 2024. Arrangements are entrusted to the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE. Condolences may be made at www.corlfuneralchapel.com.

Tribute Wall

JE

“ *Elwyn and I are so sorry to hear of Gwen's passing. Even though we didn't see her a lot we felt she was a friend. She will be in our prayers. Jane and Elwyn*

Jane and Elwyn - January 11, 2024 at 05:42 PM

JS

“ *Gwen and Ray were our neighbors on Mclaughlin Run for many years. Gwen was a dear friend to my Mom, Joan Ali! They were definitely partners in crime, talking for hours, for they both loved to talk....LOL They brought a lot of joy in each others lives. I believe they are whoopin' and ahollerin' together in heaven while Dad watches rolling his eyes !!*

Jackie Ali Story - January 04, 2024 at 09:26 AM

VG

“ *Gwen will forever be "Louise" to my "Thelma" during our trip to Orlando in 2005. We met on the phone when I worked at Sony and she at Tandy, probably in the mid 90's and remained friends from then on. There were lot's of giggles and fun times the two times we actually got to see each others. She will be missed. Hugs and prayers to "my Ray", "my Chris" and "my Debbie"---there was never a conversation that she didn't refer to you like that. Valerie Goodman*



Valerie Goodman - December 24, 2023 at 07:04 PM

ST

“ Ray I am so sorry to hear this. Gwen was such a beautiful lady. I still have the quilt she made for my first grandchild 12 years ago. My thought and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless.
Shirley Torchia

Shirley Ann Torchia - December 21, 2023 at 08:17 AM

JJ

“ I've known your family 40 years. There are several memories that I have. I am so sorry for your loss. I pray for comfort and peace for each of you. Gwen will be missed. I am glad I was able to see her the last time we were here in October. I will always remember that that she loved her family so much. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Janeen (Matoney) Jesse - December 21, 2023 at 08:14 AM

BK

“ Dear Ray and family, I am sad to hear of Gwen's passing. She was such a kind and charitable person, always concerned with the needs of others. I was so blessed to be able to visit her during her last weeks and bring Holy Communion to her and pray with her. She will continue to be in my prayers as will you and your family. May the Lord comfort you and give you His peace. Eternal rest grant unto Gwen oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Barb Koury

Barbara Koury - December 20, 2023 at 12:09 PM

MZ

“ I enjoyed volunteering with Gwen at Friend's Thrift Store. Several times after Gwen was diagnosed with cancer and feeling better she'd stop in to buy and visit. I was so impressed with her personal strength after all the chemo, etc. she was going through. My sincerest condolences to Ray and children.

Maggie Zalewski - December 20, 2023 at 10:47 AM

LK

“ Uncle Ray, Deb, and Chris,

Aunt Gwen was my favorite aunt - a true example of what an aunt should be! She never uttered a mean word and was always so supportive. There's a picture of her, my mom, my great grandma Ursula, and me in a picture cube on my shelf. I'll look at it and smile. :)

I'm so glad I was able to spend time with her during her final days - as with you as well - reminiscing and sharing a few laughs.

Peace be with you.

Lynn (and Scott)

Lynn Kossick - December 19, 2023 at 09:18 PM

AS

“ Deb, I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Prayers and my deepest sympathies to you and your family.

Ann M Smith - December 19, 2023 at 07:13 PM

CM

“ Ray, I was sad to hear of Gwen's passing. But she is out of pain and with God now. That should bring a peaceful calm to you after watching her suffer. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones. Love, Chris (Hawrylak) Meade.

Chris Meade - December 19, 2023 at 01:25 PM

GD

“ Our condolences to Chris and all the family.

Glenn and Sandy

Glenn Dzaack - December 19, 2023 at 10:21 AM

“ The loss of her is so very sad and she sure left an impression on every person she met . I have a few memories that really stick out all so funny . I remember my first Easter dinner with Chris and his family . Gwen was busy getting everything prepared and she says “ hey Christine “ can you cut up these rolls I said of course so she hands me a knife and a bag of rolls with a bowl . I remember thinking wow these are big rolls so I proceeded to cut them up and place them in a bowl with towel over top of them and placed them on the table . As we sat down and finished saying grace we begin to eat . Ray grabs the bowl of rolls uncovers them and Gwen looks at them and laughs she looks at me and says how are we going to make ham sandwiches with these you see I thought she was just trying to save money by buying large rolls so I cut them up instead of splitting them for sandwiches . Lol I had never had Easter dinner where you made sandwiches with the ham lol . Ray laughs , Chris is shaking his head laughing and Gwen says well these will have to work . Lol it was really funny . Then shortly after her diagnosis she came to stay with Chris and I at the time she wasn't mobile so one day she hands me a list of things she needed from the store so I go do the shopping and when I get home she says I” ok Christine “ I need my tray then bring me a knife , mixing bowl , spoon and the Mayo so I do then she says again “ hey Christine “ bring me the grapes , apples , celery , salt and pepper I'm thinking to myself is she really going to put that fruit into this bowl of mayo lol I noticed she was cutting up all the fruit so I offered to help and she stops cutting looks at me and says “ honey I appreciate the help but I seen how you cut things up “ lol without referring to the tolls incident directing she just says I'll do it you just go get me the Chicken . I said ok still trying to figure out what she was making (clearly I'm no cook) . Then she calls me again and says can you put this bowl in the fridge for a little while so I did about an hour later she says “ ok Christine “ I'd like some chicken salad now I said the stuff you just made she said yes and laugh and says her favorite saying “ oh I worry about you girl “ obviously joking . I get her a bowl of her chicken salad she says grab a bowl I remember thinking oh I don't want to eat Mayo covered fruit but I she was so excited about

*this salad because she had not made anything for a longtime so I grabbed myself a small bowl sat next to her and reluctantly ate the salad . I was amazed how good this salad was and to this day I make it at least once a week turns out it's one of my favorite things to make and eat . I even make it now when going to my families for visits . I have a few more really funny memories I could share but I'll spare myself more embarrassment but what I will say is we laughed at all my blunders . She was also the BEST PAJAMA BUYER ever . Every year for Christmas I got the best PJ's from her she knew I loved Jammie's . Gwen I love you and grateful for all the help you gave me with my cooking and of course the garden phase I went through lol that's didn't go well either for me . Thank you for the best Chicken Salad Recipe and the Best Jammies ever .
R.I.P. Beautiful Gwen*

Chrissy (Christine) - December 19, 2023 at 05:13 AM