



## Italia M. Biondo

March 31, 2026

Italia Marie Biondo, of Murrysville, formerly of Monroeville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at the age of 92.

She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Biondo, and a devoted mother of Maria (Glenn) Rosporski, Peter (Rosie) Biondo, Gina (Kevin) Conroy, and Anita Manning.

She was a cherished grandmother to Angela, Carmen (Erin), Nina, and Mia Rosporski; Robbie Engleka (Shayla), Alexi (Brian) Petnuch, and Joseph (Jillian) Biondo; Sean (Maggie) and Michael Conroy; and Maria and Michael Manning.

She was a proud great grandmother to Ella and Cole Engleka, Josephine and Clara Petnuch, and Gia and Jackson Biondo.

Italia was the sister of the late Lilian Simoncini, the late Evelyn (William) Fanelli, and the late Mario (Gail) Simoncini.

Born in Vintondale, Pennsylvania, Italia was the daughter of Gino and Joanna Simoncini; she was a coal miner's daughter who excelled academically from an early age. She attended nursing school at St. Francis, where she was awarded the Snow Queen Award for academic excellence. She later earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Duquesne University, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Italia's nursing career spanned several hospitals before she ultimately served as a school nurse in the Gateway School District, a role that allowed her to balance her professional dedication with raising her four children. Of her, one

former student remarked, "She was a force of nature, and any child who tried to fake an illness in her office quickly learned that."

In addition to her lifelong pursuit of learning, Italia lived by the tenets of Faith, Family, Friends, and Fun. She golfed and bowled well into her late 80s, was an excellent bridge player, enjoyed many card games, and rarely missed a family or social gathering.

Italia was an active and faithful member of her former parish, North American Martyrs Church, where she served by cleaning the church and through the Altar Rosary Society and Ladies of Charity and her volunteer work included a hospice facility where she prayed and sat with patients at end of life.

Her greatest legacy was her unwavering devotion to her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Known lovingly as "Nonna" not only to her family but throughout her extended community, she embraced all with warmth and care. Her nieces and nephews, who were especially close to her, affectionately called her "Aunt Cheech."

Italia lived her life faithfully in service to God, her family, and her friends, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Friends will be received at the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100) on Thursday, April 9, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at 10:00 a.m. at Mother of Sorrows Church, followed by entombment at Good Shepherd Cemetery.

The family respectfully requests that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Angel's Place at 2615 Norwood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15214 also by website at <https://www.angelsplacepgh.org/donate/donation-form/> or blood donations to the American Red Cross in her memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Good Shepherd Cemetery

733 Patton St.  
Monroeville, PA 15146

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc.  
4335 Northern Pike  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
(412) 372-2100  
ghcorl@comcast.net  
<https://corlfuneralchapel.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church  
4202 Old William Penn Hwy.  
Murrysville, PA 15668

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Pete , I just noticed this . Very sorry for your loss. I will always remember Penn Monroe championship baseball. Stay strong my friend*

stephen - April 09 at 08:20 PM

JE

“ *Jessica lit a candle in memory of Italia Biondo*



Jessica - April 07 at 09:46 AM

KH

“ *My sympathy to the whole Biondo family. I love this picture of your mom, your Nonna - it just captures her love of life and family. She loved you guys so much and know you will carry that special bond that was her with you always. May she rest in peace.*

Karen Horstman - April 07 at 09:38 AM

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“ Oh I'm so saddened of the loss of our dear neighbor and friend, Mrs. Biondo. Mrs. Biondo, during my growing years, was not only a kind and generous neighbor, but like a family member too. I remember all the times my mother would host bridge group nights and seeing Mrs. Biondo with all of the other ladies and mom would always tell me that Mrs. Biondo was an excellent player. I also remember my years in high school, Mrs. Biondo was our school nurse. She was always so caring and patient with me.

She will be greatly missed. And I am sending my deepest condolences and prayers to the family. May she rest in everlasting peace and comfort 🙏.

I can see all the ladies playing a Heavenly bridge game together ❤️

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**Nina D Al-Yousfi** - April 02 at 01:15 PM

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Italia, Joe and family lived in our neighborhood and we attended North American Martyrs Church with them. They were wonderful neighbors and friends. Italia always had a warm smile and thoughtful embrace whenever I would see her. Her kindness was generous and she was a lovely woman. I was always so happy to talk with her. I am saddened by her passing but am blessed for having known her.

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**Paula Smith** - April 08 at 12:21 AM