

Patricia (Tricia) Catherine Flynn Eyman – December 24, 2024



Naples, FL - Patricia (Tricia) Catherine Flynn Eyman, beloved mother, grandmother and friend passed away peacefully at AVOW Hospice House on December 26, 2024. Tricia lived life with joy and purpose, finding strength in her faith and love of family. She was 94.

Born fourth of nine children in Pittsburgh on February 17, 1930, to John Matthew and Adele Margaret (Maceluck) Flynn, Tricia attended St. Philomena grade school. In Grades 7 & 8, Tricia was selected for Saturday art classes at the Carnegie Museum and Fine Arts building and dreamed of becoming an artist. Tricia moved on to Taylor Alderdice High School and proudly became a majorette in Grade 10 through Grade 12. Tricia was also president of the Alpha Beta Chi Sorority for three years. In Grade 11, Tricia was encouraged to choose commercial secretarial courses and on graduation worked several months with Combination Windows Co. However, Tricia also answered an advertisement for **Ice Capades** and started training in Pittsburgh, where she was picked to join the show just days before she turned eighteen.

In **Ice Capades**, Tricia met the love of her life, Frederick (Fred) Eyman who was a featured skater with the show. They married in December 1950 and continued to skate until the birth of their second child. They settled down in Pittsburgh to raise a family of five daughters. In 1969, Tricia, Fred and family moved to a 104 acre farm in Courtice, Ontario, Canada, and ran a successful market garden for twenty-two years. In 1990, Tricia and Fred built a winter home in Naples and retired as "Snowbirds" until making Naples their year-round home in 2010, where Tricia honed her skills and passion for golf and bridge at the Lakewood Country Club. In 2022, Tricia moved into Discovery Village at Naples senior community where she continued to enjoy an active and engaged lifestyle.

Tricia lived her life with optimism, deep humor and a fierce competitive spirit. As a mother, Tricia fostered an appreciation for the visual arts, musical show tunes, poetry and the Catholic faith. Her incredible sewing skills and love for bargain shopping served her family well especially in the early lean years. Tricia was a long time member of the Bowmanville Lioness Club where she served as president and delighted members every Christmas season by bringing her beloved character of "Hannah Claus" to entertain them. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Visual Arts at the Mill Gallery and with Fred were members of Bowmanville's Badminton and Toastmaster Clubs.

Tricia was a founding member of St. Theresa R.C. Church in Courtice, Ontario and provided the winning name for the "Good Shepherd" Catholic elementary school built in Courtice in 2000. She

served tirelessly as a lector and Eucharistic minister at St. Theresa, and more recently at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Naples.

Tricia is preceded in death by her devoted husband of 67 years, Fred, who passed away in 2017. She is survived by one sister: Carole O'Malley of Needham, Mass.; five daughters and eleven grandchildren: daughter Adele of Kitchner ON. and Eric; daughter Patrice (Richard) Henson of Calgary AB. and Christopher, Kathryn (Kevin), Elisabeth (Leckie), and Shauna (Devon); daughter Linda of Toronto ON. and Beau; daughter Kathleen (Phil Gray) of Toronto ON. and Matthew and Lachlan; and daughter Julia (Brian) McInerney of Muskoka ON. and Dani (Cody), Shawn, and Michael (Aliya). Tricia is also survived by ten great-grandchildren: Makenna, Kinsley, Lowen, Kayleigh, Cassidy, Ember, Kai, Leo, Charlotte & Mylah and many loving nieces and nephews in her extended family.

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