

**FATHER ISAAC, FAMILY AND FRIENDS, THANK YOU FOR COMING TO CELEBRATE MOM'S LIFE AND PRAY HER HOME.**

**WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE HAD MOM IN OUR LIVES, AND I AM SURE SHE WOULD SAY IN RETURN THAT SHE WAS THE LUCKY ONE.**

**ON BEHALF OF MY BROTHER'S, MY UNCLE BUD, (WHO COULD NOT BE HERE), AND MYSELF, I WANT TO THANK FATHER ISAAC, AMY BROWN AND ST IGNATIUS FOR THEIR LOVE, SUPPORT AND FOR ALLOWING US TO GIVE MOM A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION MASS AND BLESSED FAIRWELL.**

**I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICLY, (ALTHOUGH NOT SURE HOW "PUBLIC" THIS IS), TO THANK MY BROTHER, SCOTT ON BEHALF OF GARY, CRAIG, UNCLE BUD AND MYSELF. WE ALL SPENT TIME WITH MOM, AND TRIED TO HELP HER AS NEEDED, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MELODIE AND MAX, BUT NONE OF US, EVEN COMBINED, WERE AS DEDICATED, HELPFUL AND SELFLESS AS MY BROTHER, SCOTT. HE TOOK MOM EVERYWHERE; DOCTOR APPTS, STORES, BANK, LIBRARY, CHURCH, WHATEVER WAS NEEDED, AND HE DID THIS WITHOUT COMPLAINT. \*SCOTT – FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS, THANK YOU! MOM THANKS YOU TOO, FOR EVERYTHING!!!**

**I WANT TO THANK LAURA SZYMANSKI FOR BEING SUCH A FAITHFUL FRIEND TO MOM TO THE END. IT MEANT A LOT TO HER AND TO US.**

**I WOULD CERTAINLY BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T THANK GOD FOR GIVING US SUCH A LOVING, WONDERFUL MOM WHO RARELY COMPLAINED ABOUT ANYTHING. YOU ALL KNOW HOW ACTIVE MOM WAS, AND HOW MUCH SHE LOVED LIFE. SHE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HER FACE, AND RARELY LET THINGS UPSET HER. SHE HAD A STRONG FAITH, ENCOURAGED BY HER IRISH CATHOLIC UPBRINGING AND WONDERFUL FAITH-FILLED PARENTS, OUR GRANDPARENTS, ANN & JIM O'REILLY. THEY WROTE THE BOOK FOR US ALL ON HOW TO LOVE GOD AND OTHERS, AND HOW TO BE SELFLESS WHILE DOING IT.**

**RARE WAS THE DAY THAT MOM DID NOT PRAY THE ROSARY. SOME DAYS SHE TOLD ME SHE PRAYED THE ROSARY TWO TIMES.**

**MOM LOVED BOWLING, GOLF, THE PHILLIES, THE EAGLES, LOTS OF READING, VACATIONS, PLAYING BRIDGE WITH HER GIRLFRIENDS, GOING OUT TO EAT, AND SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE LOOKED FORWARD TO SATURDAYS WHERE SHE WOULD GO TO CHURCH AND OUT TO DINNER AFTERWARD WITH ONE OF US.**

**SHE LOVED HER GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN SO MUCH. SHE HAD A VERY SPECIAL BOND WITH MY ELDEST GRANDSON, COOPER, WHICH WARMED HER HEART, AND IN TURN WARMS MY HEART.**

**HER WRINKLED RETINOPATHY EYE-ISSUES TOOK HER ABILITY TO DRIVE, AWAY FROM HER, AND STOLE HER INDEPENDENT LIFE THAT SHE HAD KNOWN FOR MANY YEARS.**

**MOM HAD BEEN BLESSED WITH 2 ROMANTIC LOVES IN HER LIFE. OUR DAD, "BURKE", WHO GOD TOOK HOME AT A VERY EARLY AGE, JUST A WEEK BEFORE HIS 42<sup>ND</sup> BIRTHDAY IN 1967. 20 YEARS LATER SHE MET CARL GLASS, BOWLING. THEY HAD 25 YEARS OF A VERY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP UNTIL HE TOO WAS CALLED HOME IN 2013.**

**MOM RARELY COMPLAINED ABOUT SITUATIONS SHE WAS DEALT: THE RAISING OF 4 CHILDREN ALONE AT 41, HER DETERIORATING EYE HEALTH, LOOSING HER SECOND FOUND LOVE, AND OTHER HEALTH AILMENTS. IT WAS HER FAITH IN GOD THAT GOT HER THROUGH ALL THE MANY DIFFICULT TIMES IN HER LIFE WITH STRENGTH, SERENTITY AND ACCEPTANCE. THAT IS A GIFT ONLY GOD CAN GIVE.**

**MOM TOLD ME MANY TIMES THAT SHE WAS READY TO GO TO GOD. FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS SHE WOULD SAY THAT SHE DIDN'T FEEL SHE WOULD MAKE IT TO SEE ANOTHER YEAR. SHE SAID SHE FELT THINGS WERE NOT "RIGHT" WITH HER. MOM BEING READY TO PART FROM THIS EARTH HAS BEEN SUCH A COMFORT TO ME AT THIS TIME.**

**SO, MOM, GOD HEARD YOU AND OUR PRAYERS FOR HIS MERCY, AND ANSWERED US. YOU ARE OUR NEWEST GUARDIAN ANGEL. WE ALL LOVE YOU, WILL MISS YOU TERRIBLY, BUT WE KNOW YOU ARE IN THE BEST OF HANDS.**

**THANKS FOR EVERYTHING MOM! GO IN PEACE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT. GOD'S PEACE & REST IS WITH YOU NOW, FOREVER. +**