



Most Unique Mom Ever



Margaret "Pat" Harris passed away peacefully at her daughter's residence in Summit Township at the age of 90. She was born in Cleveland on Feb. 4, 1924, daughter of Margaret and Walter Conn. They moved to Erie when she was young. Her parents were from Belfast and Killarney and Margaret was very proud of her Irish heritage and visited Ireland many times to see her relatives.

She was quite the story teller and one was that after extensive surgery on her lower leg she would tell everyone she was bit by a shark, but managed to fight him off. Consequently every child in the family and neighborhood would want to see her shark-bitten leg and listen to the story. She loved sales and on one trip to visit relatives in California she wore 3 outfits home on the plane because she had purchased too much that wouldn't fit in the suitcases.

She graduated from Strong Vincent High School and worked for Dr. Jack Hersch and later began working at Erie Resistors and Lord Corporation where when worked both jobs 16 hours a day for over two years. She retired from Lords where she worked for 31 years at the age of 67. She raised her two children and with her frugality was able to buy rentals which she continued to run even in her 80's.

She loved animals and was quick to adopt any abandoned animal and one time she cared for nine dogs and two cats. She donated to every animal organization and was well aware of the plight of the various types of animals.

Margaret was always ready to help friends or family members through the years. She was an avid reader reading two books a day.

Preceding Margaret in death in addition to her parents were two brothers, Walter Joseph Conn and Thomas James Conn.

She will sadly be missed by her two children: Patrick Harris and wife Berniece and Diane Standlee Jones, her grandchildren; Daniel Jones (Kelly), Darren Jones, Diandra Jones, David Jones, Travis Harris, Justin Harris (Nicole) and Jackie Cavicchio. She also had six great-grandchildren; Zachary Jones, Brentan Jones, Madison Jones, Ethan Jones, Lindsay Harris and Holden Harris. She is survived by many nieces and nephews and sister-in-law, Barbara Conn.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the **Merle E. Wood Funeral Home, Inc.**, new location, 845 East 38th St. at Pine Ave., within the Brugger Funeral Homes & Crematory; visiting hours Thursday from 11 AM until the time of a funeral service at the funeral home at 12:30 pm. Burial will be private. Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.merlewoodfh.com Any donations may be made to the Anna Shelter.