



Joan Aldrich (Young) passed away peacefully in her home on April 9, 2017 in Erie at the age of 79.

Ms. Aldrich was born on April 8, 1938, in Erie, PA to the late Lloyd and Helen Novack (Walters) Young. She lived in Titusville for 35 years and was a former resident of Central Towers. She attended Erie schools, was an RSVP volunteer, worked with the Titusville Area Head Start and as the neighborhood babysitter. She was known to many as "Grandma Joan".

She enjoyed crocheting, camping at the lake and feeding all of her furry friends, decorating for every holiday and making homemade cards for all of her grandchildren. She especially loved being with her family and friends and spending every Christmas in Texas. She will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her.

She is survived by her four children, Sandy Manzano, of Meadville, Mark Aldrich, of Fredonia, NY, Ralph Aldrich, of Centerville, and Joanie Galeski, of Erie. Her grandchildren Suzanne Moreno, of Katy, TX, Carrie Dominguez, of Silver Creek, NY, William (Carrie) Dominguez, of Cypress, TX, Monica Aldrich, of Titusville, Ricardo (Terra) Aldrich, of Erie, Joshua (Brandy) Galeski, of Erie, Justin Galeski, of Erie, Justine Galeski, of Erie, Victor Manzano, of Katy, TX and Jeremy Aldrich, of Meadville; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; four siblings and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Joan's wish was to be a part of the Humanity Gifts Registry as a donor to LECOM. Private arrangements are being handled by the Merle E. Wood Funeral Home, 845 East 38th Street. A special memorial service will be held by the family at a later date. Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.merlewoodfh.com