



Theodosia L. "Theo" Pae

May 16, 1930 - June 6, 2023

In the quiet of Annville, Pennsylvania, on June 6th, 2023, Theodosia Lucille Pae, known to many as "Theo," was called home. It was a day for reflection and remembrance, marking the end of a legacy steeped in love and dedication. Born on May 16th, 1930, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to the caring arms of Jonas Ulmont Rudy and Esther Elizabeth Shaffer, Theo lived a life of vibrant devotion and indelible service. She was a devoted wife to the late Walter E. Pae Sr., and mother to four treasured children, Walter E. Pae Jr., Sherry Lee Pae, Sally Ann Stricker, and Kerry Alan Pae. She also took pride in being a grandmother to David Pae, Terra Reider, Derek Pae, Sara Pae, Connor Pae, Abigail Pae, Leland Weyant, and nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Theo's legacy was one of grace and selflessness. Her tenderness and nurturing touch left an unmistakable mark on the hearts of those who knew her. During her earlier years, Theo's heart was firmly set on raising her children, fulfilling the role of a mother with gentle patience and boundless love. Her marriage to Walter E. Pae Sr. right out of high school would lead her to new endeavors in 1967, as she co-owned Cutter's Cafe in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania until 1977. After selling the cafe, she and her husband were involved in her son's business, Kerry Pae Auctioneers. Despite her later years' autoimmune illness, which required intense, prolonged therapy for her to recover fully, she had a constant positive outlook, even to the day she passed on. Theo's impact was felt beyond the walls of her home. She had been elected a member of the Central Dauphin

School District School Board, founded the first Little League baseball team in Dauphin Borough, and served as an election official there as well. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Dauphin. Theo was a woman of many talents and interests. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, and solving word and number puzzles in her free time. These hobbies brought joy and nourishment to those around her. Her heart was full of warmth and compassion, and she leaves behind memories that will be cherished by those who knew her. As the sun sets on this chapter of Theo's life, her memory will live on through her family and friends who were blessed to have her in their lives. A private memorial service will be held at the gravesite at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. The world is a better place for having known her.

Tribute Wall

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“ I only just now found out that Theo had passed away. I had the pleasure of working with her at the Excellent Inn (former Barbecue Cottage).

Theo was always so much fun to work with, so sweet, kind and helpful. I remember when she recovered her strength to come back to work waitressing, how amazed and thrilled we all were to see her rebound!

Of course my dear, now-deceased sister, Susie (Wagner) Keller knew Theo with running with the Pae "kids".

What a blessing to know Theo. The world is a bit bleaker without her. My sincere sympathies to the family.

Peggy (Wagner) Trevenen - December 12, 2024 at 10:12 AM

JH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Theo's passing. We went through ten years of Dauphin School together. She was a grade ahead of me but smart and funny and I loved her long hair. I would see her from time to time when we came back to Dauphin to visit and saw her several years ago at Jack Rudy's 90th birthday celebration. She touched so many lives in our little town and will be fondly remembered. Joyce Oviatt Hamman

Joyce Hamman - June 08, 2023 at 11:18 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Theodosia L. "Theo" Pae.*



June 08, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ *Cutter, Sherry, Sally, Kerry and Families. It's sad to hear of the passing of your mother. She was a great lady. Sending prayers your way. May god bless you. RIP Mrs. Pae*

Mike Kraft - June 08, 2023 at 07:43 AM



“ *I was so honored to have been able to care for Theo. She was so warm and sweet and always always had a smile on her face. I will miss her.*

Pamela Berger

Pamela A Berger - June 07, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ *I would see Theo every Christmas at David Pae's home and Katie's at their Christmas party. She always brought the best Christmas cookies. She was a wonderful woman to talk to. I really enjoyed her company. Rest in peace Theo I will miss you.*

Judy Morris



Judy Morris - June 07, 2023 at 08:45 PM