



Grace Ellen Fiala

April 9, 1930 - March 29, 2025

Grace Ellen Fiala, a lifelong and devout Pittsburgh Steelers fan who never missed a game, died peacefully on March 29, 2025 with her beloved grandsons by her side. Born in the Bronx, NY on April 9, 1930 to George and Grace (Gogarty) Duffy, she never forgot where she came from and was always a proud New Yorker. Football was her favorite sport. She enjoyed watching NFL games her entire life, and was also a Notre Dame college fan as well. Saturdays and Sundays were always reserved for watching football, and she passed on this love of the sport to her grandsons.

A homemaker for most of her life, Grace adored children and also had a home day care in Florida for many years. In 1995 she moved to Michigan to be closer to her grandsons, always making them a top priority in her life. Grace was no stranger to heartache, as a breast cancer survivor, and losing her husband and three of her children too early, so she did everything she could to show her remaining family how much they were loved and appreciated.

Grace is survived by her son, Brian Fiala; daughter, Kathy (Roger) Smith; grandsons, Kevin (Corrin) Fiala and Alex Fiala; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edmond Fiala; sons, Robert and Eddy Fiala; daughter, Christine Kress; and siblings, Charles, Katherine and Georgie.

Friends are encouraged to support Grace's family by sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Eaton County Humane Society. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

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“ You were my stand in Mother when mine was far away. You shared in the joy of my children’s birth and became the best Grandmother to them both. You gave up your life in Florida to move to Michigan with us. We shared many,many adventures over the last 43 years that I will never forget. Rest easy Mom, you now can spend time with Ed that was taken from you so young. You were the strongest woman I have known and lived your life to the fullest...with the love of your family and furry friends. Always in my heart, never forgotten

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