



Thelma Shaffer

December 22, 1925 - April 25, 2022

Thelma (Blough) Shaffer age 96, passed peacefully on April 25, 2022 at her home in Lemoyne surrounded by her children. Thelma was preceded by her husband, Michael Shaffer; Father, Vere Blough; Mother, May (Stoner) Blough; sister, Gloria Jean Blough; brothers, Robert Blough and John Blough.

Thelma is survived by her 3 children; Michael Shaffer of Lemoyne, Susan (Terry) Irvin of Shiremanstown, John (Scarlett) Shaffer of Lemoyne; 8 grandchildren Stephanie Roberts, Michael Shaffer Jr (Erin), Matthew Shaffer (Jennifer), Christopher Irvin (Carla), Daniel Irvin (Samantha), Tamara Reynolds (Brian Jr), Sabrina Morrow (Hank), John Shaffer II (Jennifer); 15 great grandchildren; 6 sisters Virginia Reece, Genevieve Martin, Vera Fry, Josephine Huntzinger, Dorothy Albright (Sam), Linda Harvey; 1 brother Oscar Blough (Cathy); and many loved nieces and nephews.

Thelma was born on Dec 22, 1925 in Harrisburg PA. She was the eldest of 11 children. Thelma started working at age 14 to help support her family. She worked at many places, including The Telegraph Press, Hershey Creamery, and during WWII at the PX in New Cumberland. In 1946 at the age of 20 she married Michael; the following year they started their family with the birth of their first son. In December of 1959 they moved from Harrisburg to Lemoyne with their 3 children. She remained in that home until her passing.

Thelma was known to all as happy-go-lucky and always had a smile on her face. Being the eldest, she acted as a second mother to her younger siblings who looked up to her as the matriarch of the family throughout her entire life.

Family enjoyed meeting at her house for weekly games of poker and good laughs. You could also find Thelma playing bingo with her sisters, daughter and daughter-in-law. Despite having so many grand and great grandchildren, she always remembered every birthday and special occasion. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Her family will be holding a private Celebration of Life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to any local pet shelter.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest condolences to the Shaffer family on the list of your beloved Matriarch. You are in our prayers during this time*
Gene and Kathy Spealman



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