



Aurelia Droder

September 26, 1929 - June 11, 2011

Aurelia “Pat” Droder died on June 11 at the age of 81 after a brief illness. Pat was born on Sept. 26, 1929 in Detroit, MI., the third child of Theodore Surdykowski and Helen Maciaszek Surdykowski. The family moved to Arnold, PA. where they resided for most of her early years. After graduating high school, Pat began working in the Payroll and Accounting Department of PPG Industries in Creighton, PA. During her six-year employment at PPG, Pat met Paul Droder and the two were married on July 28, 1951 after a two-year courtship. The couple settled in New Kensington, PA just outside of Pittsburgh and had two children, Susan and Robert. The family relocated to Carlisle, PA when Paul was transferred within PPG Industries and it was there that Pat began a hobby that would become her greatest passion, golf. During her time in Carlisle, Pat also became an accomplished artist and was honored to have one of her paintings hanging at the local hospital. The family moved back to the Pittsburgh area, to Wexford, PA where they resided until Paul retired from PPG seeking the warmer climate and year round golf of Naples, FL. Pat loved the game of golf and was awarded “Most Improved” golfer at the Carlisle Country Club, Carlisle, PA and the Wildwood Country Club in the north hills of Pittsburgh, PA. Once she retired to Naples, Pat became a champion golfer, winning the Glades Country Club Women’s Golf Club Championship four times. Pat was a loving spouse, sister, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Theodore Surdy, and great granddaughter Mia Petty. Pat is survived by her

loving husband of 59 years, Paul Droder, daughter Susan Rillo and husband Mark Williams, of Onley, VA., son, Dr. Robert Droder and wife Kathryn, of Tyler, TX, six grandchildren, Julia Rillo, Jennifer Rillo, Amanda Rillo, Emily Droder, Michael Droder, Patrick Droder, three great grandchildren, Jacob Gardner, Dominic Rillo and Marley Turner. She is also survived by her sister, Lillian Dahm, sisters in law, Betty Amadio, Marni Surdy-Mackinac, Judy Droder, several nieces and nephews and many other wonderful family and friends. A recitation of the rosary will begin at 6 PM with visitation following until 8 PM on Friday, June 17, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler. The funeral mass celebrating Pat's life will be Saturday, June 18, at 10 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 423 S. Broadway Ave., Tyler. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd. Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Bob, Sue & Mr Droder*

I'm very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother and wife. I caught the news on the internet. Hopefully you have tons of wonderful memories and smiles and laughter fill the room when you think and talk about her. I'm sure your mother is proud and grateful for the family you were...and all the grandchildren!! These 24 hour days seem to go by much more quickly as the years march on. Live a life that honors your mother as our time to be re-united with loved ones probably comes much quicker than we can imagine. All my best to all of you...lots of love...and I wonder if they have golf courses in heaven? Someday I hope we all know the answer to that question!

Again...all my best...and lots of love!

your old, childhood friend,

Doug

Doug Arbegast - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Ivan & Joanne Christopher - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Pat was a dear friend. Enjoyed playing golf with her at Carlise CC and our trips to Hilton head.*

Betty Byars - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. This is one of the most difficult things we must face in this life. May it comfort you to know that others are deeply touched by your loss. But the bible assures us at Psalms 34:18 that God is near to those broken in heart and those crushed in spirit he saves. He also promises that we will be able to see our loved ones again. Jesus own words found at John 5:28,29 tells us there will be a resurrection. What a wonderful hope! He also says that soon on the earth there will be no more pain, suffering and especially death. Revelation 21:3-5 We anxiously await the day when we will no longer lose those we love. May these bible thoughts bring you comfort at this most difficult time.

Stephanie Reyes - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM