

## Margaret (Peggy) Franco

January 18, 1936 - November 14, 2024



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Margaret Franco, who was born deaf, departed this life on November 14, 2024, at the age of 88. After a courageous 15-year battle with dementia, Margaret succumbed to complications from a recent fall.

Born on January 18, 1936, Margaret was a beacon of kindness, resilience, and warmth. She dedicated her life to her family, her friends, and her deaf community, leaving an indelible mark on everyone she encountered. Known for her spirit and love, she found joy in activities with the deaf community, playing bingo and other games.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband Bruno Franco and siblings Robert, Jeanne and Thomas and survived by William Poole and John Poole. She was the beloved mother to Richard Franco (Jodi), Donna Barnhisel (William), Joanne Surmin, Michael Franco (Lilly), Laura Panicola (John), Paul Franco (Mary) and Jean Allen, and a proud grandmother to Stefani Panicola, Jamie Surmin, Jeffrey Surmin (Leanne), William Barnhisel, Jr. (Lauren), Brittany Hodgson (Peter), Robert Barnhisel (Elizabeth), Andrew Franco (Haley), Summer Franco, Colton Franco (Allie), Austin Allen, Tabitha Franco, and great grandmother to Robert Jr., Annabelle, William III, Harper, Emmett, Evie, Liliana, Levi, Rylynn, Brooks. Her family was her greatest pride and joy, and her memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved her. Despite the challenges posed by her illness, Margaret's spirit remained unbroken, and her strength served as an inspiration to all who knew her. Her compassion, humor, and love of life will be deeply missed but forever remembered.

Rest in peace, Margaret. Your light will never fade.