



Grace Elizabeth Smith

February 5, 1946 ~ March 5, 2022 (age 76)

Tribute

Grace Elizabeth McGinnis Smith beloved mother and grandmother passed away at her home on March 5th, 2022. She was 76 years old and had been a resident of Jersey Village for 50 years. Grace was born in New York, New York on February 5, 1946, and was the second of four children born to Edward and Bertha McGinnis. Known as Mammaw, her greatest love was her family. Grace married her husband Larry Smith in 1964 and they were married for 50 years before she was widowed. Grace and Larry were founding members of St. Maximillian Kolbe Catholic Church. They started their family in the turbulent 1960's and Grace was a stay-at-home mom throughout the 1970's and into the early 1980's for her children Laurie and Lance. As her children grew older, Grace was able to start a career that eventually led her to a position as a legal secretary working in the Esperson Building for a prestigious downtown Houston law firm. After she retired, Grace spent time with Larry and enjoyed her five grandchildren and attending their events. Grace also spent time in retirement with her two loves of genealogy and quilting. She traced family roots way back including some that lived and endured the famous Five Points in New York. She also traced family all the way back to Ireland and was able to visit the homeland in the 2000's. Mammaw spent several years making quilts for fun and for family member's special events. Her specialty was taking ordinary items like shirts and handkerchiefs and embedding them into the quilt to keep memories alive. Grace Elizabeth McGinnis Smith was a tough and incredible person. She was always positive and made others laugh. She will be missed by all.

Grace was preceded in death by her father Edward McGinnis and mother Bertha McGinnis, brother Gene McGinnis and her devoted husband of fifty years, Larry Smith. Grace is survived by daughter, Laurie (Harvey) Black; son, Lance (Vicki) Smith; grandchildren: Constance Black, Courtney Black, Connor (Estheysis) Black, Ashlynn Smith and Abigail Smith; sister, Eileen McGinnis; brother, Michael McGinnis; brother-in-law: Ronnie Gillam; Sister-in-law, Judy McGinnis.