



## Mary Knauer

June 30, 1928 - June 12, 2021

Mary Knauer, age 92, passed away June 12, 2021, in her home in Estero FL. She was born in the coal mining town of Ashley, PA and moved to New Jersey when her father found a job as a mechanic with the Central Railroad of New Jersey. As one of seven children, growing up during tough economic times, Mary made the best of it with roller skating, penny candy and skipping school to go window shopping with her mother. From this meager but happy childhood, Mary learned to be self-reliant; honed a keen wit and developed a knack for forming friendships that would last a lifetime.

In addition to having three children and running the household, Mary worked in sales, as a medical office assistant and in real estate. Until this past year she was highly active enjoying tennis, bocce, Wii bowling, dancing at the Cascades Clubhouse and frequent trips to consignment shops. Mary was a generous and longtime supporter of St. June Children's Research Hospital. She is survived by her sister, Ruth Franz, Lancaster, PA., three children, Anne Gilbertson (San Juan Capistrano, CA), Mary Jane Haschig (Lakesville, MN), Roy Knauer (Bonita Springs, FL) six grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her loving husband Howard. Mary and Howard were married 65 years and shared a wonderful life together.

A private, family service is being planned for later this summer. Mary will be inurned with her husband in the Sarasota National Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

To sign Mary's guest register or leave online condolences, please visit [www.S](http://www.S)

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“ *Mary Knauer*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear Knauer family, Piper and I send condolences to you. We are thinking of you in this time of grief and I'm sure the celebration of life. I am a good friend of Roy's and have got to know him well over the last several years. I always liked it that he took such good care of his mother and would talk about his mother in such a loving way. I am certain that she was a wonderful mother and person. Love Jon and Piper Crawford*

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**john crawford** - June 22, 2021 at 09:10 AM