



Deloris Rita Szachara

March 24, 1942 - December 5, 2025

Deloris "Dee" Szachara (Wasko), 83, of Mint Hill, NC, went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 5, 2025.

Born March 24, 1942, in Binghamton, NY, Dee graduated from Whitney Point Central School. She later attended Broome Technical College, where she was a cheerleader-an experience that introduced her to the love of her life, Leonard "Lenny" Szachara. They were married in 1962 and remained committed to each other until Lenny's passing in 2016.

Dee had a special way of bringing a smile to everyone around her. She always had a joke to tell, a kind word to share, and a caring heart. She was devoted to her family and she especially cherished being a mother to her five children (girl, boy, girl, boy, girl) - often laughing as she told the story about how the doctor once said she wouldn't be able to have any children of her own.

Dee loved being outdoors in the sunshine, especially at the beach. She and Lenny shared many happy times dancing the polka together. She also showed her love through cooking, filling her home with good food and comfort for the people she treasured most. Family and friends will always remember her for the little sayings that captured her warmth and humor: "Tree is pretty," "Need a pillow?" and "My nose is cold."

Dee is survived by her children: Gina Emerson (Brian), Phil (Samantha), Casey Briggs (Mike), Danny (Sally) and Amy; along with many beloved grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard "Lenny" Szachara and her grandson, Davis Emerson.

The family has chosen to hold a Celebration of Life with immediate family.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Szachara family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.