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Bend, Ore. -- Agnese "Aggie" G. Wojdak, a former ballerina, gold-medal ice-skating judge, and educator, died on September 20, 2020 at the age of 79. Beloved partner of Gary W. Mize and spirited mother of Krista, Jessica, and Stacy, Aggie had been courageously dealing with a rare autoimmune disease, systemic scleroderma, for the past 6 years. Previously Aggie was a resident of New Hope and Philadelphia, Pa.

Born to Stanley and Margaret Froncek in Jessup, a borough northeast of Scranton Pa. on February 22, 1941, she graduated from local schools and earned her master's degree in education from Marywood College. During her high school and college years, she also studied ballet and performed with her troupe on a USO sponsored tour to the Azores. After graduation, she began a career in education and was an adored high school English teacher in Burlington, N.J. Her former husband, Stephen R. Wojdak, to whom she was married to from 1964 to 1994, died in 2015.

After her daughters began life on their own, and later in her lifetime, she joined the Wissahickon (Pa.) Skating Club where fellow ice skaters gave encouragement and helped grow her love of ice-dancing. As a volunteer judge

for the U.S. Figure Skating Association (USFSA), she earned appointments as a test judge and was qualified to judge gold level freestyle tests, gold level moves in the field, gold level ice dances, and international level ice dances. Plus, Aggie had personally qualified to perform gold level ice dances and some international ice dances. As a judge, she was known by those to whom she imparted her skating knowledge as compassionate and fair.

It was during her ice-skating pursuits that she met her partner of the last 20 years, Gary W. Mize. After they moved to Bend in 2008, Aggie, ever the athlete, and Gary, took up kayaking, a sport which they both enjoyed and shared. They resided on Awbrey Butte.

She is survived by her partner, Gary, of Bend, Ore., and by one brother, Frank X. Froncek of North Myrtle Beach, S.C. The passion Aggie had for children moved her to adopt her three girls who also survive her: Krista Brown (Darien, Conn.) Jessica (Jessi) Lord, (Bend, Ore.), and Stacy Wojdak-Goodman (Denver, Colo.). She loved dearly and spoke often of her five grandchildren: D. Morgan B. Brown, Charlotte B. Brown, Finley G. Brown, Noah A. Goodman, and Emma R. Lord. Those she left behind wish her to be in the limitless light of love.

The family is planning a celebration of her life in 2021.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the Scleroderma Research Foundation at srfcure.org

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Gary, *The one year anniversary of Aggies death grows ever closer. We are so grateful you two had each other to love for twenty years. A blessing.*

Jerry and Shirley Becker - August 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *My deepest condolences to Krista, Jessica and Stacy. Love Jadwiga*

Jadwiga Kurpaska - May 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Aggie was a treasured friend and we will always cherish our memories of the good times we shared together. Her lively spirit, interesting conversation, generosity, and kindness will never be forgotten. We count ourselves fortunate to have known her. Sue and Ron Reimer*

Sue Reimer - October 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Aggie was such a blessing to our family for the love and happiness she bestowed. Forever in my heart.*

Tribute Store - October 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *With loving memories of "Agnese "Aggie" Wojdak",*

Frank and Anita Froncek - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Aggie was a beautiful and caring neighbor and we will miss her kindness and loving manner. We so much enjoyed her friendship over these years we lived next door. My heartfelt sympathy to all of her family for this loss. Sending my blessings to all of you, Ruth Ruder

Ruth Ruder - September 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM