



Luba M. (Wankewicz) Wiggins 3/31/2013

SPRINGFIELD - Luba M. (Wankewicz) Wiggins, 63 of the East Springfield section of Springfield, was called safely home on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013. She passed into eternal life at Baystate Medical Center surrounded by the care and comfort of her loving family and her wonderful caregivers.

She was born in Witzenhausen, Germany on November 6 1949, a beloved daughter of the late John and Nina (Kalenchenko) Wankewicz. In 1952, her parents relocated to Lansdale, PA where she lived and graduated from Lansdale Catholic High School.

Around 1967, she relocated to the Bronx in New York City where she met her husband, Itill A. Wiggins, who was the love of her life. They married on March 3 1973 in New York and moved to the East Springfield section of Springfield in 1985. Luba began her work career as a former Del Padre on Worthington Street in Springfield and worked there until the business closed. She later was employed as a customer service representative and dispatcher at Manny's TV and Appliances on Boston Road in Springfield before retiring in 1997.

During her leisure time Luba enjoyed gardening, keeping her home spotless, cooking and being a homemaker to her loving family. Many of her neighbors would often comment on the beautiful flowers that she so lovingly cultivated around her home during this summer. She was a loving woman who adored her family and showered them with her love and affection which was returned to her a thousand-fold.

She leaves her devoted husband and best friend of 40 years, Itill A. Wiggins; her five loving children, Nina M. Ware and Itill H. W. Wiggins, both of Springfield, and Jimmy Lavani, Joey Lavani and Stephanie Lavini, all of Rochester, NY; her nine cherished grandchildren, Amber A. Wiggins and Deja L. Ware, both of Springfield, Taylor B. Mason of Williamsburg, VA, Itill H. Wiggins, Jr., Devin M. Wiggins, Jahnae J. Wiggins and Colin R. Wiggins, all of Springfield and Sophia Lavani and Isabella Lavani, both of Rochester, NY; her two cherished great-granddaughters Amani D. Brown and London A. Brown, both of Springfield; her two dear brothers, John Wankewicz and his wife, Michelle of Cape Cod and Steve Wankewicz and his wife, Dorothy, of Lansdale, PA; and her many dear nephews and nieces. Besides her parents she was also predeceased by her loving daughter, Jennifer L. Wiggins who was called home on February 13, 2003; and her dear sister Vera Wankewicz.