



Martha Maurer Slavey

May 14, 1932 - April 26, 2026

Martha Maurer Slavey passed away on April 26, 2026 at the age of 93. She was born on May 14, 1932 to Franz and Anna Maurer in Bad Tolz, Germany. Growing up during World War II was extremely difficult, but they raised a family with her 2 sisters and 1 brother. Martha married and had a son, Theo Pfadisch in 1951. When the marriage ended, Martha and Theo continued living in Bad Tolz where she opened a restaurant. In 1959, Martha met her beloved husband Robert Slavey who was serving in the United States Army. They dated for 5 years, and Robert became a father to Theo. They married in 1964 in Bad Tolz, and Martha and Theo immigrated to the United States with Robert and made a home in Fayetteville, North Carolina. They had two daughters, Martha in 1966 and Elizabeth in 1970. Martha dedicated her life to raising her family, helping her friends and finding service in her church. She also loved gardening and traveling abroad with Robert.

Martha was a woman of deep faith and was a devoted member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Fayetteville, NC where she provided communion to parishioners in the church and to shut-ins who were unable to attend church.

Martha is survived by Robert, her loving husband of 61 years; daughter Martha Sheeder and her husband Mark; daughter Elizabeth Simmons and her husband Ryan; grandchildren Michael Sheeder, Matthew Sheeder and Logan Simmons; great grandchildren Savannah Sheeder and Noah Sheeder.

Martha is preceded in death by her parents, sisters, brother and son.

A Celebration of Life is planned on her birthday on Thursday, May 14th at 1100 at St. Patrick Catholic Church at 2844 Village Drive in Fayetteville. Visitation will be at 1000, and a reception will follow after her placement in the columbarium at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Martha's name to Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation's Cancer Care Fund at P.O. Box 87526, Fayetteville, NC 28304 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Patrick Catholic Church
2844 Village Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Celebration of Life

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Reception following Interment

MAY 14 (ET)

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