



## Patricia M. Costigan

April 9, 1956 - January 1, 2025

Patricia "Patty" Maxwell Costigan, age 68, a resident of Waterford for the past 37 years and formerly of Lake Orion, died in her home on Wednesday, January 1, 2025. She was born on April 9, 1956 in Peoria, Illinois. Mrs. Costigan earned her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. She worked as a ski coach at Detroit Country Day School for 20 years and recently retired from Bush Seyferth PLLC, where she was the controller and firm administrator.

Mrs. Costigan was inducted into the Michigan High School Ski Coaches Association (MHSSCA) Hall of Fame in 2023, and her contributions to the sport were recognized when she was named the Michigan High School Ski Coaches Association (MHSCA) Women's Ski Coach of the Year in 2024.

Mrs. Costigan's leadership extended into professional associations. She served as President Elect, President, and Past President of the Metro Association of Legal Administrators from 2007 to 2009. She also made significant contributions to the Michigan High School Coaches Association (MHSCA), where she held several key roles, advocating for coaches and athletes across the state.

Mrs. Costigan's legacy is one of dedication, leadership, and an impact on both her professional field and the lives of those she coached and mentored. She

truly loved coaching and skiing.

Beloved wife of the late Daniel Costigan, whom she married on March 27, 1987 at St. Vincent Catholic Church in Pontiac. Cherished daughter of Norma Maxwell and the late Richard E. (Sandy) Maxwell. Loving sister of K. Lynn (Daniel) Niemczak of Houston, TX; Eric R. (Sandy Daugherty) Maxwell of Bloomfield, MI; Susan M. (Robert) Stevens of Lowell, MI; and Amy (Steve) Bright of Delaware, OH. Daughter-in-law of the late Patricia M. and Robert V. Costigan, Sr. Proud aunt of 14 nieces and nephews and 12 great-nieces and nephews. Mrs. Costigan also leaves behind her cats, whose companionship she loved.

A visitation will be held on Friday, January 10, 2025 from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm with a scripture service at 7:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blks. E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067. Mrs. Costigan will lie in state on Saturday, January 11, 2025, from 9:30 am until time of Funeral Mass at 10:00 am at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 13500 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park, MI 48237, with Father Paul Chateau officiating. Mrs. Costigan will be laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dan Costigan Scholarship Fund c/o Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile Rd., Beverly Hills, MI 48025 or to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, CAHS Shelter, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Scripture Service

JAN 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

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705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
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## Funeral Mass

JAN 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Perpetual Help ~ Oak Park  
13500 Oak Park Boulevard  
Oak Park, MI 48237

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ I met Dan & Patty while coaching high school racing. They were both fun & professional. It is hard to believe they have both passed away. May they rest in peace!  
Deepest sympathy to their families!  
Kim, John & The Stencel Family 🙏



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**Kim Stencel** - January 12, 2025 at 02:43 PM

GW

“ My heart breaks for the friends and families of Patty and Dan. May God fill the empty places at your tables with His peace.

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**Gloria Wolken** - January 11, 2025 at 05:13 PM

JC

“ My deepest sympathies to Pat's family and friends. I worked for her for many years and she was a kind, thoughtful friend. She could always make me laugh. Pat and Dan graciously shared their cabin with my family so we could enjoy skiing as much as they did! We share the same birthday and would have dinner every year to celebrate. I will continue to celebrate you my friend. You have made a significance difference in this world. -Janine

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**Janine Cochran** - January 11, 2025 at 10:17 AM

AB

“ I can't imagine going through high school at DCD without her and Coach Dan. I remember always being greeted with a warm smile followed up by some needed advice on the ski hill. The amount she poured into every athlete who tried ski racing was so, so special, and I know my family and I are better for having her and Dan in our lives.

Alex Becker - January 11, 2025 at 12:23 AM

FM

“ My sincere condolences to the Costigan family. It was my pleasure to know both Patty and Dan from activities with the Skiwi Ski Club and the Michigan Alpine Competition Council



Fred Myers - January 10, 2025 at 03:35 PM

JP

“ Our deep condolences to the family of our dear friend Patty. We are shocked and saddened by her passing but we know she is happily skiing on some mountainside with Dan. Blessings to your Journey Patty; we will miss you more than words can describe. Love, Chris, Jan, Kathie, and Rox

Jan Purcell - January 10, 2025 at 02:26 PM

KG

“ I am so lucky to have skied under Patty's coaching and mentorship in high school. Together with Dan, they represented the best of the sport and created the most inviting team atmosphere. Forever grateful for their kindness and lesson.

Kateryna Gudziak - January 10, 2025 at 10:41 AM

DJ

“ *Danny and Jackie purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Patricia M. Costigan.*



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**Danny and Jackie** - January 09, 2025 at 10:53 AM

DJ

“ *Danny and Jackie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia M. Costigan.*

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**Danny and Jackie** - January 09, 2025 at 10:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patricia M. Costigan.*



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January 08, 2025 at 07:05 PM

BW

“ *Bill & Laura Wohlfarth purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Patricia M. Costigan.*



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**Bill & Laura Wohlfarth** - January 08, 2025 at 02:02 PM

BV

“ *My condolences to Patty’s Family and Friends. I know she was loved by all that met her. Patty rest in peace and say hello to Dan.*



Bob Vial - January 08, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia M. Costigan.*



January 08, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia M. Costigan.*

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CB

“ *Patty was the best coach anyone could ask for. She had enough empathy for 10 people, passion for the sport and a knack for teaching that is rare in anyone. She will be dearly missed.*

Cameron Barr - January 07, 2025 at 06:02 PM

BL

“ *Patty was such an incredible person and will be dearly missed! Her patient, caring coaching opened up the fun of ski racing to so many.*

Brian Langhorst - January 07, 2025 at 02:51 PM

DA

“ *Detroit Country Day Athletics purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patricia M. Costigan.*



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**Detroit Country Day Athletics** - January 07, 2025 at 09:50 AM

GS

“ *The Shilling/Garn family are saddened to learn of Patty's unexpected passing. Our family was blessed to be able to coach skiing with Patty & Dan and have a granddaughter who was coached by Patty. Patty was always kind, caring and by example taught our granddaughter to find joy in serving others. She also taught her to play hard (ski competitively) and take delight in small things because those are what make our lives. May we all be grateful for Patty's well lived life as she will always be an inspiration to those privileged to know her.*

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**Glen Shilling** - January 06, 2025 at 04:59 PM

RH

“ *My condolences to the family. I worked with Pat on the ALA Board and shared many laughs with her during our get-togethers. She will be truly missed.*

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**Ronda Harris** - January 06, 2025 at 10:46 AM

CB

“ *Connie Bullard purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Patricia M. Costigan.*



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**Connie Bullard** - January 06, 2025 at 09:20 AM

KN

“ Kevin, Wendy, Haley, and Jenna Niemczak purchased the *Touching Tribute Spray* for the family of Patricia M. Costigan.



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**Kevin, Wendy, Haley, and Jenna Niemczak** - January 05, 2025  
at 01:11 PM