



Patricia Agnes D'Arca

February 18, 1935 - September 26, 2025

Patricia Agnes D'Arca, a resident of Royal Oak, passed away on Friday, September 26, 2025, at the age of 90. A daughter of Sylvester and Katherine Pelczynski, she was born on February 18, 1935 in Toledo, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Gaeton D'Arca, sisters Louise Duquette, and Alice Nitsch.

She is survived by her children Michael (Evelyn) D'Arca, Cynthia Hurley, Paula (Butch) Stubbleski, Tony (Mary) D'Arca, Steve (Dona) D'Arca, Nanette (Russ) Cecil, and Carla D'Arca. Grand children Eric (Jenna) D'Arca, Stefanie (Dustin) Brown, Andrew (Nicole) D'Arca, Brandon (Ellen) D'Arca, Tony (Emily) Cecil, Kate (Aaron) Stepanski, Stephen and Jaclyn D'Arca, Makayla Miller, Julia and Tony D'Arca. Great grandchildren Madison and Alaina D'Arca, Lewie Brown, and Charlie Cecil.

Today, we gather not just to say goodbye, but to celebrate the beautiful life of our beloved mom, grandma, great grandma and friend—Patsy, or as so many lovingly called her, Mrs. D.

If you ever visited her home, you knew it was never just a house—it was a haven. Mom's door was always open, and her kitchen was always busy. She had a way of making everyone feel like family, whether you were a lifelong friend or a new face at the table. There was always room for one more, and

always enough food to go around—because cooking was her way of showing love. Her recipes were legendary, but it was the warmth and laughter she served alongside every meal that made them unforgettable.

Mom loved to garden, and I think it was because she saw the world the way a gardener does—with patience, hope, and a belief in the beauty of small things. She could coax life from the soil, turning seeds into flowers and trees, and she brought that same nurturing spirit to everyone she met. Whether she was knitting a blanket, tending her flowers, or reading a good book, she found joy in simple pleasures.

And, of course, she had her own special way of enjoying life's little treats. Anyone who knew Mom knew she loved a cold beer—with ice cubes, just the way she liked it. It was one of those small, endearing quirks that made her so uniquely herself, and it always brought a smile to those around her.

But don't let her gentle spirit fool you—Mom also loved a little adventure. A trip to the casino was her idea of a good time, and she approached it with the same enthusiasm she brought to everything else. She loved parties, laughter, and being surrounded by people. She truly never met a stranger.

Her faith was the quiet foundation of her life. She gave her time and heart to her church, volunteering whenever she could, always looking for ways to help others. She received the Presidents Volunteer award for the amount of time she volunteered. Her kindness was steady and genuine, and she taught us—by example—what it means to serve with love.

Most of all, Mom loved her family fiercely. She celebrated our victories, comforted us in hard times, and cheered us on every step of the way. Her love was the kind you could count on—unwavering, unconditional, and strong.

As we remember Mom today, let's hold onto the lessons she taught us: to open our doors, to share what we have, to find joy in the everyday, and to love each other fiercely. Her spirit lives on in every meal we share, every flower we plant, every act of kindness we offer, and maybe even in a cold beer with ice cubes, raised in her honor.

Friends and family will gather on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, from 9:30 am until time of Funeral Mass at 10:00 am at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 28353 Herbert Street, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Patricia will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

Donations in Patricia's memory may be made to the Blood Cancer United (formerly Leukemia & Lymphoma Society), P.O. Box 22324, New York, NY 10087, www.bloodcancerunited.org, or to the Sisters of the Monastery of the Visitation, 1745 Parkside Blvd., Toledo, OH 43607.

Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church
28353 Herbert Street
Madison Heights, MI 48071

In state 9:30 AM

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Dear sweet Mrs. D

You were such a wonderful lady to me. I remember you while I was growing up on Kenwood. You were the best wife, mother and a part time mom to me when I showed up at your door. During those days, Cindy was my best friend.

I remember playing in your house upstairs. In the attic were some fancy gowns. Cindy and I would put them on and I guess play dress up.

I remember countless times you let me stay for dinner. You had enough mouths to feed from your family alone, but I don't remember you ever saying no. So I have many memories of huddling elbow to elbow with your kids up to the dinner table. It was always one of my favorite things to do and places to be.

I remember the smell of your dryer running as I stood outside on the driveway calling Cindy out to play. My mother in law raised 7 kids, I know her washer and dryer both ran non stop or so it seemed. I know yours did the same!

Lastly I remember a beautiful portrait painting of you that hung with such beauty and grace in that house on Kenwood. You had a black, maybe, dress on. Anyway, it is a beautiful portrait of you and it stained my mind with fond memories of you.

I know you are in heaven and have received your just reward for being the wonderful, graceful, kind, awesome woman you were while on this earth. I just know the Lord is pleased with your work and service to Him. I know your focus on the Lord never strayed. You kept your eyes on the prize, as busy as you were.

Rest in Peace Mrs. D. You will never be forgotten. Your family is blessed to have had you.

Thank you for your presence in my life. Sally ❤️

Sally McWilliams Battle - October 04, 2025 at 02:53 PM

N&

“ Nancy &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Agnes D'Arca.

Nancy &. - September 30, 2025 at 09:21 AM

AW

“ Amy & John Kosco, Joyce & Ed Witten planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Agnes D'Arca.

Amy & John Kosco, Joyce & Ed Witten - September 29, 2025 at 02:52 PM

AW

“ Amy & John Kosco, Joyce & Ed Witten purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Patricia Agnes D'Arca.



Amy & John Kosco, Joyce & Ed Witten - September 29, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia Agnes D'Arca.

September 29, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Agnes D'Arca.



September 29, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ Pat was a valued volunteer with the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, and her many beautiful creations were appreciated by so many. It was a pleasure meeting Pat in the Project Help crafting group, and our hearts go out to the family.

With deepest sympathy-The RSVP Team Staff

Danele Mabe - September 29, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ With Love, Alex and Jillian Gritz purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Patricia Agnes D'Arca.



With Love, Alex and Jillian Gritz - September 29, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ Veronica & Mark Pitrago planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Agnes D'Arca.

Veronica & Mark Pitrago - September 28, 2025 at 09:04 AM

VP

“ Veronica & Mark Pitrago purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patricia Agnes D'Arca.



Veronica & Mark Pitrago - September 28, 2025 at 09:04 AM

KH

“ Kevin, Roxanne, Mallori, & Riley Harrah purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia Agnes D'Arca.



Kevin, Roxanne, Mallori, & Riley Harrah - September 27, 2025 at 11:57 PM

NC

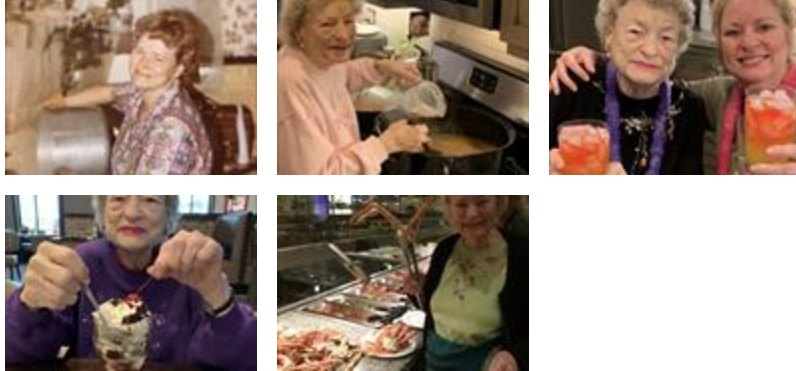
“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Nanette Cecil - September 27, 2025 at 10:16 PM

NC

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Nanette Cecil - September 27, 2025 at 10:13 PM

TF

“ The Almodovar and Stubleski Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Agnes D'Arca.

The Almodovar and Stubleski Family - September 27, 2025 at 07:25 PM

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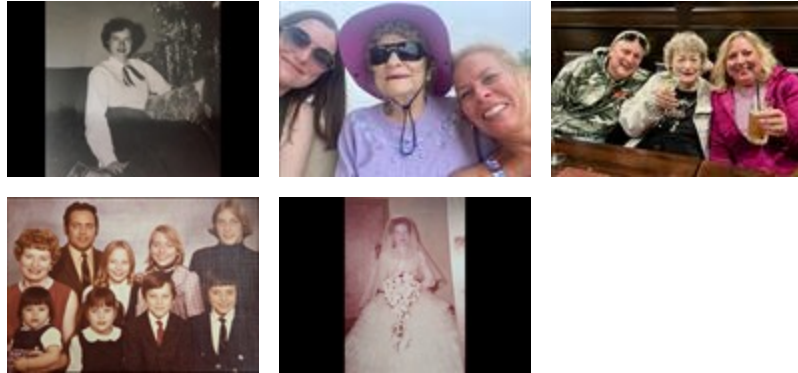
“ The Almodovar and Stubleski Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Patricia Agnes D'Arca.



The Almodovar and Stubleski Family - September 27, 2025 at 07:25 PM

PS

“ 13 files added to the album Mom



Paula Stubleski - September 27, 2025 at 06:04 PM

WL

“ Wilfred L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Agnes D'Arca.

Wilfred L. - September 27, 2025 at 03:25 PM

“F

“Inland Plywood” Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Patricia Agnes D'Arca.



“Inland Plywood” Family - September 27, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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“Inland Plywood” Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Agnes D'Arca.

“Inland Plywood” Family - September 27, 2025 at 09:34 AM

MR

“ *Watching the Tigers win with Mrs D will forever be a favorite memory. She was an absolute angel and always asking about my family. She will be missed but her presence will be felt at every gathering. Lots of love to all the D'Arcas. Mary and Scott Reed and family*



Mary Reed - September 26, 2025 at 06:58 PM

JR

“ *I am so sad to hear about Mrs. D'arca! I work at Hem Onc Consultants and she was one of my favorites. I loved her so much. Always so happy and positive. I will miss seeing her on Fridays. I am very sorry for your families loss and I send prayers to your family!*

Love- Jessica

Jessica Repke - September 26, 2025 at 02:00 PM