



Patricia L. Gillespie

May 19, 1938 - May 29, 2019

Patricia I. (Sakkinen) Gillespie was born in Detroit, MI May 19, 1938 and passed away in Royal Oak, MI May 29, 2019.

Daughter of Ray and Kay (Hegner) Sakkinen, Pat graduated from Royal Oak High School and then Highland School of Nursing with her RN in September 1959. She first worked at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, MI and then South Macomb Hospital in Warren, MI until her retirement. Pat was a dedicated head nurse in her chosen vocation and will be remembered by many families she tended. She also was an active member of the Nurses Alumni.

Pat was married to Theodore Gillespie in 1964, who predeceased her. They had one daughter, Melinda Poszwa from Waterford, MI, who survives her.

Pat was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak. She always was willing to help in the church office when needed and once was honored as Lutheran Woman of the Year.

Patricia is survived by three brothers Robert (Connie), Calumet, MI, Richard, Calumet, MI and Michael (Diane), Cookeville, TN, two stepchildren Theodore and Melissa, many step grandchildren, nieces and nephews, cousins, and a very special cousin Susan Wisniewski, Clinton Twp., MI.

Family and friends may call on Pat's family at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), in Royal Oak on Sunday, June 2 from 2 to 8 p.m. Funeral service will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Royal Oak, on Monday, June 3 at 11:00 a.m. (in state 10:00 a.m.), with Pastor Schmidt officiating. Burial will take place at St. John's Memorial Gardens, Fraser, MI.

Memorials may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church, the Michigan Humane Society, or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

St. John Cemetery

Fraser, MI 48026

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 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/>

Funeral Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
202 E. Fifth Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

CM

“ I knew Pat while working at South Macomb hospital and later during our Retiree luncheons. Pat was an excellent head nurse and wonderful to work with. It was a privilege to know her.

Carolyn McKinney - June 04, 2019 at 02:51 PM

DV

“ Pat was a very valued member of my family & she will be missed. She was married to my cousin Ted whose Mom was my Grams sister. She always kept me up to date on the rest of the family. You'll be missed. Donna Voytush

Donna Voytush - June 02, 2019 at 06:53 PM

NW

“ I worked at Macomb for 30 years, I always enjoyed seeing and talking to Pat. She was a great nurse and a fantastic person. She will be missed

Nancy-Smith- Wasilowski - June 02, 2019 at 06:06 PM

LN

“ Thank you from the bottom of my heart for caring for my mom when she had her first stroke. Your compassion, humor, and friendship will always be remembered. May you rest in peace. ❤️

Linda Netzel - June 02, 2019 at 03:55 PM

JL

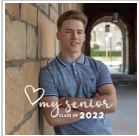
“ *Mother G, you were the best! You ALWAYS treated us like your own! My kids even remember coming to your office for candy! You made life at the hospital much sweeter, I will treasure you always!*
Love, Joanne Junga Laurich

Joanne laurich - June 02, 2019 at 01:42 PM

JH

“ *Sending prayers from our family to yours*

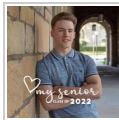
Jeanette M Hudson - June 02, 2019 at 12:38 PM



“ *Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Patricia L. Gillespie*



Cheryl Cooper - June 01, 2019 at 10:23 PM



Mrs. G. You were the best Head Nurse. You taught so many who then became nurses. Knew your patients like the back of your hand. All the Dr's. Respected and loved to round with you. You impacted so many lives, patients, families and your staff and others who have worked with you. Sure don't have any nurses like you. Prayers to the family.

Cheryl Cooper - June 01, 2019 at 10:35 PM

WC

“ *You are going straight to heaven “Mother Gillespie”. Thanks for everything! You gave of yourself like nobody I've ever known. Your legacy as a leader in the field of nursing still lives on at the former South Macomb Hospital. May you Rest In Peace now and forever ...*
Wendy Cates

Wendy Cates - June 01, 2019 at 08:35 PM

TC

“ Your going to be missed Mother G. You were my 3rd. Mother. Mom, grandma then you. You treated me kind in the 12 years at South Macomb / Macomb Hospital Center. Your caring and kindness to all patients and your staff was top notch. Everyone wanted to work on your unit. You made me the person I am today having you in my life. You will be remembered forever. Heaven has a new angel. Luv, Tony Cejmer "Anthony"- next to mom, only you could call me that. God bless.



Tony Cejmer - May 30, 2019 at 10:26 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia L. Gillespie.



May 30, 2019 at 09:26 PM