



## Priscilla "Pat" Penz

November 6, 1943 - December 18, 2025

Priscilla "Pat" Penz, age 82, passed away on December 18, 2025. She was born on November 6, 1943, and lived a life defined by deep faith, boundless love for her family, and a kindness that touched everyone she met.

Priscilla is survived by her devoted husband, Gary K. Penz, married for 61 years. She was a proud and loving mother to her children: Gary W. (Megan Atkinson) Penz, Sheryl (Joseph) Bradley, and Stacey (Eric) Penz, adored Nana to her grandchildren, John, Carter, Jack, Kira, and Nolan, who were truly her world, and a dear sister to John Waters (Gisele). She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Leona Waters; and her beloved grandson, Parker Bradley, whom she carried forever in her heart.

Priscilla was an active member of Utica United Methodist Church. Her faith guided her life and was evident in the grace and kindness she showed to others every day.

Priscilla worked for General Motors for 28 years, where she was known for her dedication and warm spirit. Outside of work, she loved spending time boating with her husband Gary. Together they shared many happy days on the water.

Priscilla's family ultimately meant everything to her.

Above all, Priscilla will be remembered as a kind and sweet soul, truly beautiful inside and out. Her gentle nature, unwavering faith, and unconditional love left an enduring mark on all who were blessed to know her. She will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

A visitation for Priscilla will be held on Monday, December 22, 2025, from 2-8pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall rd. (3blks E. of Van Dyke) in Utica. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home the following day, December 23, 2025, with a visitation at 10 until the time of the service at 11am.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317

# Tribute Wall

“ *The first love of my life. I'll love you and miss you until the day I am home with our Lord and with you, Mom. This was the essence of my Mother, from an interview I did with my parents in 2019: "So, what did I do with my very first paycheck? "I used to babysit two kids in the neighborhood on ten mile road in Royal Oak.*

*But that first paycheck, I could remember, I had gone to the state fair and one of the booths, they had these beautiful bibles. They were absolutely beautiful.*

*And they had all these Bibles that anybody would die for, and if anybody*

*needed a Bible, they had them. And Grandma and Grandpa Denial, they taught me so much about life and the Bible. And I thought, that Bible is something I would want to give to my grandparents, so I bought it for them with my very first paycheck.*

*And I gave it to them the next time I saw them when we went to Holland. And Grandma Denial, right after Grandpa Denial passed away, she said to me, "I want you to remember this. I'm going to put your name in this Bible, and if anything ever happens to me,*

*I want to make sure you have this Bible. And now, I have that Bible. And I want you to have it after I'm gone. So yes, those are my memories.*

*I felt so important that I could earn enough money to buy that Bible to give it to my Grandparents. And Grandma Waters, my Mother, was also very instrumental in my faith, so yeah, so that's my story about what I did with my first paycheck.*

*John 14: verses 2-6, Jesus reminds us -*

*14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going."*

*I will always love you and miss you, Mom. You taught me everything. All of my love forever, Little Gary*

**Gary W Penz** - January 01 at 11:04 PM

SK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I went to high school with Pat and she was a bridesmaid at my wedding. We had a lot of fun going to football games ext We had lost contact over the years. My husband and I have wonderful memories of our time spent with her. Sandy and Bill Kiley

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**sandra kiley** - December 22, 2025 at 08:53 PM

CP

“ Christine P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Priscilla "Pat" Penz.

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**Christine P.** - December 22, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Priscilla "Pat" Penz.



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December 22, 2025 at 10:24 AM

JB

“ Joe and Chris Brewer purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Priscilla "Pat" Penz.



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**Joe and Chris Brewer** - December 22, 2025 at 09:04 AM

JB

“ Joe and Chris Brewer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Priscilla "Pat" Penz.

Joe and Chris Brewer - December 22, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Priscilla "Pat" Penz.



December 21, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Priscilla "Pat" Penz.



December 20, 2025 at 09:08 PM

UG

“ Uncle John and Gisele purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Priscilla "Pat" Penz.



Uncle John and Gisele - December 20, 2025 at 01:53 PM

DO

“ Donna O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Priscilla "Pat" Penz.

Donna O. - December 20, 2025 at 11:06 AM

WL

“ William L. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Priscilla "Pat" Penz.



William L. - December 20, 2025 at 10:51 AM

WL

“ William L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Priscilla "Pat" Penz.

William L. - December 20, 2025 at 10:51 AM

JG

“ Jereme, Mike, Gibby purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Priscilla "Pat" Penz.



Jereme, Mike, Gibby - December 20, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Priscilla "Pat" Penz.*



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December 20, 2025 at 08:18 AM



“ *Tim Jen Eric Jordan Maddi & Jenna Penz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Priscilla "Pat" Penz.*

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**Tim Jen Eric Jordan Maddi & Jenna Penz** - December 20, 2025 at 08:18 AM



“ *Tom, L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Priscilla "Pat" Penz.*

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**Tom, L.** - December 19, 2025 at 09:43 PM



“ *Pat was a treasured friend. Always so kind and loving. We know as a woman of faith, she is with our Lord. Rest in Peace dear friend.*

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**Tom & Linda Kmetz** - December 19, 2025 at 09:39 PM



*I am heart broken for the entire Penz family. My condolences to you all. Gary's work buddy, Cindy*

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**Cindy Thomas** - December 19, 2025 at 09:53 PM