



## Mrs. Patricia M. "Patty" (Summa) Diven

October 11, 1933 - June 21, 2018

NORTH UTICA - Mrs. Patricia M. "Patty" (Summa) Diven, age 84, joined her husband and her daughter on Thursday, June 21, 2018 when she passed away at the Abraham House with her family by her side.

Born in Utica on October 11, 1933, Patricia was the daughter of the late Carmen and Philomena "Anna" (Cuda) Summa. She also knew the love and guidance of her second mother, Elena (Orsine) Summa. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1951 and continued her education at the Child's Hospital in Albany where she earned her credentials as an LPN. On May 25, 1957 she married Leslie E. "Les" Diven with whom she shared 57 years prior to his passing on September 11, 2014. They shared a faithful union, and family was their first and foremost concern.

Patty worked in the nursing profession for 32 years. She tended to her patients and work responsibilities with great compassion and dedication. Shortly after, she began caring for children at the Magic Penny Nursery School on Higby Road, a vocation she immensely enjoyed. She then found an additional way to serve the community, at the Thea Bowman House, where she served nutritious meals to the children and developed many friendships with them. They affectionately addressed her as "Miss Pat", and she felt blessed to bond with them. Pat personified the humble attributes of a Christian life. She was selfless, sacrificing, and strived to sustain faith, hope, and charity in her heart.

As a matriarch, Patty was a wonderful mother, and in return, her children were

respectfully very attentive to her needs and desires until the very last day of her life. She began volunteering at the Good News Foundation, where she devoted much of her time to numerous projects because she appreciated the foundation's mission of "Helping families. Touching lives" that it offered to our community. For many years, she and her husband volunteered at the Boilermaker Road Race during the pre-computer era to register participants. She was a parishioner of St. Mark's Church, faithfully attended Mass, taught Religious Education Classes, and served as a Lector and a Eucharistic Minister. Gracious and welcoming by nature, she was very involved in the parish community and activities. She helped initiate a weekly Wednesday night Rosary Group at Carm Ziobro's house for over thirty years. She was a member of the "ABC" support group since its inception when it was founded by Karen Christensen. Above all else, Patty lived a beautiful Christian life. Patricia is survived by her daughters, Shirley A. Diven, and Barbara Diven. She always carried in her heart the memory of her daughter, Carolynn Diven, who passed away just over 7 months ago on November 14, 2017. The family takes comfort in knowing that she can see her again. She was also blessed with the love of her "additional daughter", Sandra Stewart and "Ani". She also leaves her brother and sister-in-law, Rocco and Eleanor Summa; her nephew, Brian Summa; cousins, Rosemary (Cuda) Stedman, Mickey (Cuda) Dorfer, and Fredrick Cuda; her faithful friend, Sr. Maureen Denn/CSJ; her lifelong friends, Angela and Fran Pfisterer; and special friends, Joyce, Jane, Carol, and Mary Ellen. She was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Leslie E. Sr. and Mildred Diven.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Patricia's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning at 11:00 at St. Mark's Church, 440 Keyes Rd., North Utica, where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Pasik. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the Abraham House <https://theabrahamhouse.org>,

the Good News Foundation <https://thegoodnewscenter.org>, or Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. <https://hospicecareinc.org>; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Barb and Shirley. We were both shocked and saddened to hear of your mother's passing.*

*She was a wonderful lady and will be sorely missed.*

*Our prayers go out to you and your family.*

*Theresa and Bill Simonik*

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**Theresa Simonik** - June 28, 2018 at 09:05 AM

CG

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Pat's passing and apologize for not being able to attend.*

*She was a very special woman.*

*Sending prayers for all.*

*Janet Raehm and the Wrate Family*

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**Christine L Graziano** - June 25, 2018 at 09:52 AM

DC

*Sorry we didn't hear sooner. I remember going to St Marks Church with my children and a couple of the were alter boys. Pat was a lovely lady. I'm sure she will truly be missed*

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**Dyana Cornaachia** - June 26, 2018 at 12:40 PM

Chris  
Penz

“ I had the wonderful privilege of knowing and working with Pat at Thea Bowman House for many years. I am saddened by the news of her passing.

Chris Penz

Chris Penz - June 24, 2018 at 10:31 AM

GG

“ No words will comfort you but know so many loved her . I too am so glad to tell her I love you Patty



geri getz - June 23, 2018 at 08:15 PM

GW

“ My prayers to the Diven girls. I have many HAPPY memories of Partty at Faxton Hospital. Those were the "good old days" . (Also memories of working with Carolyn)



Gale Warmuth - June 23, 2018 at 11:39 AM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia M. "Patty" (Summa) Diven.



June 23, 2018 at 08:31 AM

BS

“ Shirley and Barb..I am deeply saddened by the loss of your Mother..I loved her also...she was a great lady an friend..enjoyed our lunches that we all had together...I'm so glad I called her an got to say good-bye an that "I love you Patty....RIP my friend with Les an Carolyn

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**Barbara Swisloski** - June 22, 2018 at 08:09 PM