



Mrs. Patricia "Pat" (Mathews) Flihan

September 9, 1939 - July 18, 2021

WHITESBORO - Mrs. Patricia "Pat" (Mathews) Flihan, age 81, went home to the Lord on Sunday, July 18, 2021 with her loving family by her side. Born in Canajoharie, NY on September 9, 1939, Patricia was the daughter of the late Donald and Helen (Klock) Mathews. She was a graduate of Canajoharie High School/Class of 1957. She furthered her studies at the Faxton School of Nursing where she earned her New York State License as a Registered Professional Nurse. On August 20, 1960, she married the love of her life, Ramah L. "Art" Flihan with whom she shared nearly 59 years of love and devotion prior to Art's passing on June 3, 2019. Together they practiced their Catholic faith as communicants of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Patricia was the epitome of a life well lived. She thoroughly enjoyed her nursing career and was particularly fond of working as an OR nurse. She met her husband, Art, while caring for him as her patient. The two had an instant connection and shared a love of life.

Patricia's greatest joy was her family. She devoted her time to raising her three sons and treasured every moment with them. She was her happiest when she was around her family. She especially loved her role as Mema/Patti to both her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Patricia enjoyed being a part of their lives and made sure that she was at every special occasion, even if that meant traveling across the country. She looked forward to and shared many Friday night dinners with her grandchildren Gabrielle, David, and Jenna,

and her friend, Kari.

Patricia lit up a room with her vivacious personality and always made the people around her smile and laugh. She had a classic style and enjoyed dressing up for dinners with friends and family, with her glass of Riesling in her hand. She loved her Thursday lunch outings with her friend Jeanne Castronovo and her knitting classes with her friend Joni Minieri.

Patricia is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law; James N. and Gina Castronovo-Flihan, Dr. Donald A. and Peri Flihan, and David M. and Denise Flihan; grandchildren, Jimmy II and Sidney Flihan, Freddy and Tiffany Flihan, Brandon Anthony Flihan; Jenna Flihan; and Gabrielle Flihan, and David Flihan II; and her great-grandchildren, Tyson James Flihan, and Pierce Nasser Flihan. She was preceded by her sister, Kathleen DellaRocca. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; and cousins, especially acknowledging Amy DellaRocca McLean, in-laws Linda Flihan, and Daniel A. Salvo; and special friends, Jeanne Castronovo, Joni Minieri and Kari Gehrke. She was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Nasser J. and Wadeha Flihan; and in-laws, Julia L. "Julie" Flihan, Lamy Salvo, and Joseph N. Flihan and his first wife Judith Manion Flihan.

The family is grateful to Dr. Alicia DeTraglia for her medical expertise and compassionate care; the Hospitalist and the 3rd Floor Nursing staff at St. Luke's Hospital, especially Cathy Beck, whose kindness and compassion meant so much to Patricia's family.

The family will honor and commemorate Patricia's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are invited to attend Patricia's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday morning at 10:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in Patricia's memory may make a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at <http://www.stjude.org> or by mail to 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society online at <http://anitas-sshs.org> or by mail to 5664 Horatio Street, Utica, NY 13502. Interment will take place in

Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you...



Don Marino - July 26, 2021 at 02:01 PM

LF

“ Lynette Franco lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia "Pat" (Mathews) Flihan



Lynette Franco - July 23, 2021 at 01:19 PM

FA

“ With sincere sympathy to Pat Flihan's beautiful family. All of you were so very special to her, she admired all of your accomplishments and the love that was shared over the years.

May she rest in the Arms of Our Lord and Savior till we all meet again in Glory.

*With Love,
Frank&Mary Guzzardo Annese
Venice, FL*



Frank&Mary Annese - July 22, 2021 at 08:48 PM

DN

“ Hey Don, Jimmy and Dave,

I hope you and your families are all well. I was very sad to learn of your mothers passing. I have very vivid childhood memories of your mother and all of them good. She certainly had a way of commanding the room:) As I think about her, I can hear her calling David from the front porch. But, thankfully she lived a long and happy life and has a beautiful large family to show for it.

*My very best wishes,
Dan
Daniel Nole*

Daniel Nole - July 22, 2021 at 06:35 PM

AR

“ All of us at Alltemp Refrigeration purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Patricia "Pat" (Mathews) Flihan.



All of us at Alltemp Refrigeration - July 22, 2021 at 08:44 AM

PM

“ Dave, Sorry for the loss of your Mom. Whenever she and "crazy" Art would come into Piggy Pat's I recognized her as the stabilizing influence on Art. We shared lots of laughs whenever they came in. I know it's hard to lose your parents even when it's their time. There is a certain comfort knowing they are no longer suffering in this world but are together again in heaven. God Bless. Pat McCann

patrick mccann - July 22, 2021 at 06:09 AM

MT

“ My deepest sympathy to Pats entire family at the difficult time. I had the honor of become friends with Pat and Art when she hired me to work for her at cataract care. She was an amazing women her laugh was contagious. Before COVID we talked about getting together my biggest regret is thinking we had time I will always remember the good times we shared and be forever grateful for having known her.

Michelle Torchia - July 21, 2021 at 09:26 PM

JC

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Flihan family for the loss of Our wonderful Pat. Life will never be the same without her for any of us. I will miss you forever my sweet friend. May you be surrounded by angels forevermore.



Jeanne Castronovo - July 21, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia "Pat" (Mathews) Flihan.



July 21, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia "Pat" (Mathews) Flihan.



July 21, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia "Pat" (Mathews) Flihan.



July 21, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *To the Flihan boys very sorry about your mother. Your mother made the best sauce ever when I was watching you guys grow up. She will be with you father now but she will be truly missed. RIP David @ Joanne Taurisano*

David R Taurisano - July 21, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia "Pat" (Mathews) Flihan.



July 21, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia "Pat" (Mathews) Flihan.*



July 21, 2021 at 01:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia "Pat" (Mathews) Flihan.*



July 21, 2021 at 12:45 PM