



Patricia Cunningham Norko

November 30, 1935 - December 7, 2013

Patricia Cunningham Norko, 78, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, December 7, 2013. Born on November 30, 1935 in Boston, MA, she was the beloved daughter of the late Joseph W. and Mary (Warner) Cunningham. Patricia lived in West Hartford for most of her life. She attended Mount St. Joseph Academy and graduated from Lasell Jr. College in Newton, MA.

She is survived by her five daughters and their spouses, all of CT; Marybeth and Thomas Buckley of Fairfield; Julie and Richard Burns of Simsbury; Sarah and Roland St. Denis of Guilford; Molly and Todd Cropsey of Ridgefield; Gretchen and Peter Ganey of West Hartford.

Of all her accomplishments, Patti's greatest achievements have been in the lives of her family. She was a devoted mother and daughter who always put the needs of others before her own. Patti led by example, and her kind heart and generous soul were a part of her everyday life. Her mission was to raise strong, giving, and caring children. Patti's will to live and unwavering faith in God carried her through her long illness. Yet even throughout her own struggle, she had the ability to make others feel that they were truly loved and appreciated. In addition to her children, Patricia is survived by a brother, James Cunningham of Simsbury and a sister, Meg Cunningham of Old Saybrook; fourteen grandchildren, Sarah, Thomas, Annie, Mollyrose, Meggie, Drew, Owen, Luke, Patrick, John, Matthew, Hannah, Grace, and Charlie. She was pre-deceased by three brothers, George, Joseph Jr., and Richard

Cunningham. We would like to thank Patricia's caregivers for their compassion, support, and unconditional love for our mother: Agata Ptak, Carol Robinson, and Varita Williams. You will always hold a special place in our hearts. The family will receive friends from 12:30-2 p.m. on Saturday, December 14, 2013 in St. Patrick and St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St. Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will directly follow at 2 p.m. (Saturday) at St. Patrick and St. Anthony Church. Burial will be private. Donations in Patricia's memory may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place Boston, MA 02215.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 14. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Patrick St. Anthony Church
Hartford, CT

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 14. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Patrick St. Anthony Church
285 Church Street
Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Dear Sarah and Family:

Sarah, I was so very saddened to hear of the loss of your beloved mother. Please accept my condolences and deepest sympathies to you and your entire family.

*Fondly,
Rebecca Mihlek
Granville, Ma*

Rebecca Mihlek - December 18, 2013 at 05:29 PM

EM

“ Dear Norko Family,
I have so many fond memories of your Mom on Drury Lane and how welcoming she was to my family when we moved "back" to the neighborhood. I will be unable to attend the services today due to a prior commitment but please know that my thoughts and prayer are with you during this very difficult time.

With Love

Ellen McKone-stafford

Ellen McKone-Stafford - December 14, 2013 at 10:31 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Cunningham Norko.*



December 12, 2013 at 07:39 AM

RD

“ *My deepest and most sincere sympathy to the entire family.*

Raymond DeCampos - December 11, 2013 at 10:55 PM

JW

“ *Julie, Sarah, Molly and Gretchen, I am very sorry for the loss of your mom. I remember meeting her and thinking she must be a very special person to have raised the four of you to be the wonderful people I remember you as being. Although the pain seems unbearable now, it will ease with time, and the good memories will surface and will make you smile. Keep her in your hearts, and you will pay proper tribute to her by living your lives as she would take pride in seeing you do.*

Jeff Winick - December 11, 2013 at 05:20 PM

SD

Jeff - thank you so much for your message. We will never forget the beautiful letter you wrote to our mom after we stopped working at Crown. Your letter made my mother so very proud - and I will never forget her saying "only a special person would ever write a letter like that." We hope you are doing well. Sincerely, Sarah Norko St. Denis.

Sarah Norko St. Denis - December 11, 2013 at 08:46 PM

MC

“ *Sarah and the entire Norko Family -*

We are so sorry to hear about your mother. We know her beautiful family was the light of her life. Sending heartfelt condolences, much love and all our prayers from the Toohey and Conneely Family.

Martha

Martha Toohey Conneely - December 11, 2013 at 03:05 PM

AH

“ Sarah, Molly, Gretchen and family,

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your precious mother. I know how special she was to all of you and I know your hearts are heavy right now. You will always carry her in your heart and you will always see her loving spirit in the eyes of your children. Love you all and I send you big hugs. My thoughts and prayers are with all you during this painful time. XO

Amy Blake Hornish - December 11, 2013 at 12:23 PM

WW

“ To Patricia Norko's family. We are sorry to hear of your mothers passing, and hope that your fond memories of her will ease the pain of your loss.

Wayne Kelly & Margaret Woods - December 11, 2013 at 08:25 AM

KC

“ I have wonderful memories of your mom. She always welcomed me into your home with a warm smile, a caring heart and a great snack! She was my savior on rainy and snowy days, always offering a welcomed ride to school. I know her wonderful daughters were a great source of love and pride for her. May your special memories of your mom bring you comfort. My sincere sympathy and affection to the Norko Family, Kelly McGoldrick Curran

Kelly McGoldrick Curran - December 11, 2013 at 06:59 AM

SM

“ To the family of Patricia Norko. My deepest sympathy upon the passing of Patricia. Please trust you will be held in prayer at this time. Knowing that Pat no longer suffers must be a comfort to each of you. I met Pat when her parents resided at Mercyknoll and have on occasion met her in various places in West Hartford. May each of you be blessed during this special season. Sister Margaret Ann RSM

Sister Margaret Ann Mathis - December 11, 2013 at 05:33 AM