Mary Patricia Nichols

May 29, 1939 - March 15, 2011

Nichols,(nee Sliger) Mary Pat of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, formerly of Sault Ste, Marie, Michigan on March 15, 2011 surrounded by her loving family she took the hand of an angel and touched the face of God. Married 50 years to her loving and devoted husband Bob, together they had 3 children and 6 grandchildren whom she adored! Michele (Jim) McGinnis; Kris (Rob) Kerchen; and Rob Nichols. Loving Grammy of Megan, Shane, Zachary, Joey, Patrick, and Carly. Devoted sister of Kathy and sister-in-law of Greg Greco, loving sister-in-law of Doris Zemetis. Loving aunt of Ryan, Josh, Sharon, Karen, Richard, Susie, Pam and Judy. Mary Pat was the beloved daughter of the late Fred & Pat Sliger of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.; daughter-in-law of the late Joseph and Marie Nichols of Detroit, Michigan. Mary Pat is also survived by numerous extended family members and life long friends. Mary Pat managed Vic Tanny/Bally Health Clubs for over 25 years and was a receptionist for Dr. Estigarribia for 11 years. She loved spending time with her family and pets; reading; and keeping up with friends and family on Facebook. She vacationed in the Soo every year where she kept connected with her Maple Street family and high school friends. Mary Pat loved watching all of her grandchildren excel in sports or anything at all they were involved in. She was always their biggest fan and supporter; showing off her family to anyone she met was one of her favorite things to do! Mary Pat never met a “stranger”, she was a class act who put you right at ease with her quick wit, enchanting smile, storytelling, and wicked sense of humor. This amazingly talented woman was also proud

of the fact that she was the 1957 Mackinaw Bridge Dedication Princess, representing Chippewa County. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. If you would like to leave a condolence or share a memory with the family, you may leave it at www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com. Should you wish to make a donation in her memory the family requests you visit www.angelahospice.org.

Tribute Wall

Mary Patricia Nichols

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM

LW

Went to High School with Mary Pat,she NEVER had a bad or harsh word for any-one. Will miss her smiles.

Lynn Walters - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

RK

Bob, I met you at the "57" class reunion. I wish to extend my condolences to you and the family. My memories of Mary Pat are the kind any one would be proud of for she was that kind of person. I pray God's comforting spirit will continue to bless you all.

Richard L. King - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

H(

So very sorry to hear about Mary Pat..Went to school with her, and she was just a loving person..Seen her at our 50th class reunion.A shock to me and once agaon want to say how sorry I am..

Harriet Shea (Johnston) - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

AC

I am going to miss her smile.

Antoinette (Sabatine) and Joe Cerabone - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

"G

My Sweet Mother, I know you know how much I love you and how proud I am to be your and Dad's Baby Girl!! I am so honored to have been told all my life how much I look like you and how much like you over all I am. I can't count the times I do or say something and know immediately that you would of done or said the same thing. It breaks my heart & soul to know I won't be able to hug you, kiss you or talk face to face with you but you and Dad raside me to be a strong independant woman & I will carry on your legacy as best I can. I know that as much as we miss you, you are with so many family members and friends in heaven now and that gives me great comfort. I do not want you to worry about us or Dad because we will all take care of each other. You have given me so many wonderful memories and so much love throughout my life, I try my best to pass along those same things to my children who love & miss you so. Thank you Momma for being you!! Love you Always & Forever, Kris (Rob, Shane, Zach, Patrick & Carly too) God is a lucky man to have you in his arms....

"Baby Girl" - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

MI

Mom you were there for me when I was sick, you kissed my boo boo's when I was little, you wiped my tears when my heart was broken, you helped me pick out my wedding dress, you were there when Megan was born and babysat her when Joey was born. You sang the Five Penny song to Megan and then to Joey, you were at all their events through school...We spent so many fun times together, all our vacations, Friday night's when we had Bloody Mary's and Nacho's. The party's and picnics, shared bottles of wine and just plain having fun. My heart has a huge hole in it and I miss you so much. I pray that our last weeks together were comforting to you. You and Dad taught us so much....we are living by your examples. People say what great kids we are, but I say that it is the way our parents raised us. I love being your daughter, buddy and later your caregiver.....I will miss you forever and love you for all eternity. Jim, Megan,Joey and I will take extra special care of Dad...you can count on that. Someday we will be together again, until then I will speak to you in my heart..... Love Your First Born xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxox

Michele - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

SF

Dear Bob and Family, With love in our hearts for all of you we ask God to give you peace and strength in the coming years. May your hearts be filled of wonderful memories of a wife, mother and friend who not only was beauiful on the outside but even more so on the inside. God blessed her with so many gifts: Love of life and others, kindness, faith, empathy, humor, loyality, charm, I could go on and on. I think that little twinkle in her eye says a lot. We did not loose Mary, she just moved on--we will see her again. Our love, Sharon and Tom

Sharon and Thomas Frey - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

TK

Our condolencses go out to you and to all who new Mary Pat. We were all blessed to know her. She truely was and will always be an inspiration. A great mother, grandmother, friend, and neighbor. Living life to its fullest, that is my most prevelant memory. Kindness, caring, love, and, strength were attributes you saw in her and were bestowed in her children and all around Mary Pat. We will miss her! Go safely into the hands of the LORD, and beseach Jesus for the rest of us to follow. PEACE is with you. Now peace is for the rest of us to find. Looking at the many pictures and seeing your smiles and the smiles of all around you. This is only a matter of time. Say "Hi" to my dad and Mr.Mcginnis and i hope your already throwing the biggest block party heaven has ever saw, and Thank You for so many great memories.

The Konczal'S - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

TF

Mary Pat's caring and kind ways live on in our hearts and always will.

The Ojala Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

DS

to the nichols family although i didn't know any of pats children i worked many years with pat, the memories cannot even be put into words, memories i will never forget, the best thing i can say about pat is a quote from a song by kenny rogers,"always a lady, just like a lady should be, will miss you pat and god bless your family

diane sauls - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

SZ

Very well said....You all know how I feel. All our love and prayers forever. Hugs and kisses. I have another Angel over my shoulder. I will forever hold her sweet words and voice in my memory and my heart. Until I see her in Heaven. Love, Your Niece and Cousin , Suzanne (Suzy) <3

Suzanne Zemaitis-Morrow - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

PA

I only know Mary by name as the mother of Ron but I am assured she is treasured by all that know her and loved very much by her family members. I only ever talked to her by telephone on a sick dog but was able to feel and share her laughs as we spoke. Even across the miles only on a telephone her well wishes were given to a stranger on their own sickness. Thank You Mary for being you! Paula at HyVallee Kennels She is Gone By Anonymous You can shed tears that she is gone or you can smile because she has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back or you can open your eyes and see all she's left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see her or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember her and only that she's gone or you can cherish her memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Paula - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

AM

Dearest MaryPat, The moment I saw your healthy, beautiful face I once again begin to cry. This is how I will always remember you. A treasure to behold. A beauty inside and out. Always thinking of others. You lit up a room wherever you went. I miss you soooo much. This is how I will always remember you. Your photo brought back many memories of all the times we shared together with our children and grandchildren. MaryPat, my love, one day we will be together again, please save a place for me. Watch over all of us. I will be looking for that special star along side my Jerry.

Arlene McGinnis - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

MN

Mary Pat was one of my best friends in High School. I have many fond memories of football games, dances,slumber parties.,and walking to church (of course down the main drag is Sault Ste. Marie, Mi)I will always remember her bubbly personality. We got to spend time together at our 50 yr. class reunion and I am so thankful for that. I didn't know her children, but if they are anything like her , they will be blessed in life.My prayers go out to Bob and the family. Just look to the heavens and the sparkling star will be her, smiling down.

MaryAnn (Reicher) Naelitz - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

LN

Mary must of been a very special lady, I never met her, but I felt I knew her through her son Rob and I know Rob has Mary's heart. Her family and friends were truly blessed to have been touched by her. Our prayers are with you. Love, The Demarest Family

Lori (Zyskowski) Demarest Old Tappan, NJ - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

PM

Our dear Mary Pat will be missed so very much but never forgotten. She brought such joy to all who knew her. I have so many fond memories of so many happy years with her in my life and Tyler's. I remember when I was a little girl of about 4 or 5 yrs old. We lived across the street from one another. She would cross me to come over to her side of the street and play with her son Rob and our other neighbor Mark. So many years together with many many happy times. I remember when my dad passed and she was there to hug me and hold me up. I remember her holding my face telling me to watch for butterflies and telling my son to watch for the brightest star in the sky....they'd be signs from my dad. She also then said to me and shaking her finger at me "... and don't you cry when I go. I wouldn't want that because you'd make me cry too and I don't like to cry." God bless her soul. It's as if I can hear her each time my eyes water now. She loved my son so too. I know she's watching over us now and will be there to protect us and guide us all. Heaven has another angel. Until we meet again my dear friend. I will miss you. Hugs & kisses dear friend. You've blessed my life just by being you. With love.... Patti & Tyler McGinnis

Patti & Tyler McGinnis - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

LR

Words will never express my sadness. I will always remember my dear god-mother. The great times we had at family picnics where she got thrown in the pool or cake smashed in her face and always laughed. The great times in Florida. The flare she had for becoming the center of attention. You will be missed give Rick a big hug and kiss for me. Love you

Linda Martha Juanita Rochelle - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

PT

Mrs. Nichols will be truly missed. She was our extended family for the many many years we all shared together on Brookside Drive. Her care & compasion we one of her greatest gifts. She once told Timmy that my dad who also passed a few years back that he would be there every night with him, all he had to do is look for the brightest star in the sky & there he was. Now she can also be there with him, together as two bright shiny stars in the skys above, in heaven and out of harms way & pain. We truly will miss her deeply. All our love, the O'Maley's.

Pam, Chris, Tommy & Timmy - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

PR

Dear Bob, Michele, Kris, Rob, Kathy, Greg children/grandchildren, She was certainly one in a million. Just knowing her enriched our lives. She will be forever missed & never forgotten. God's comforting arms enfold all of you. All our love.

Polly, Al, David & Jason Ross - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

TN

Our sincere condolence to you Rob and your family..You mom sounds like she was one in a million...I can tell you loved her with your whole heart and being..She will be with you in spirit always....

Tom & Dede Niemczewski - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

SR

My Beloved Aunt Mary Pat,Words cannot express my eternal love for you.You will always be in my heart.Always & Forever.All My Love,Your Nephew Ryan"There is no one compared with youAnd these memories lose their meaningWhen I think of love as something newThought I know I'll never lose affectionFor people and things that went beforeI know I'll often stop and think about themIn my life I'll love you moreIn my life I'll love you more" - Lennon/McCartney

Sweet Baboo Nephew Ryan Rakoon - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

JP

Pat has been a very special friend and customer at Hair Studio for many many years. We had so many great times just gabbing and discovering how many things we had in common. She will be so missed by all of us. She had such great faith and I am sure she is looking down on everyone from heaven.

Joan palmer - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

TN

My thoughts and prayers go out to your family at this time of mourning and always.

Tracy Nerone - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

RL

A very special friend and classmate. Such wonderful memories of your visits to the Sault and our class reunions.

Ralph/JoAnn LaCoursiere - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

CG

Nobody could light up a room like Mary Pat. She will always be remembered

Chuck Gouett - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

YS

I will miss you my precious Sister, more than words could ever express and I'll be eternally thankful to God for blessing me with you as my Big Sister. You may be gone from this world, but I'll see you again in heaven one day and what a joyful reunion that will be for I will smother with hugs and kisses. Until then, my love for you will continue to grow, and we will all be taking good care of each other. Thank you for leaving me with the most wonderful memories, no one coud have asked for a better sister than you. Our time together was too brief. but you will remain forever in my heart and in Greg's, Ryan's and Josh's. It's only goodbye for now so I say it with all my love, a tear stained face and a broken but thankful heart. Your Baby Sister Kathy

Your Baby Sis - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

KC

Growing up across the street from her, Mary Pat was a very loving and caring person who treated us as if we were her own kid's. Fond memories that will always be cherished. We will miss her smile. Love always, Ken From the moment I met her she made me feel like one of the family, always ready to have fun and party. Sweet, sweet lady who always loved to share her grandkids accomplishments. Don't worry MaryPat we will keep your family safe and loved, just as though you were right here. Melanie xoxoxo

Ken, Melanie, Cole & Connor - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

RN

I Love you Mom, more than words can express! I'm SO PROUD and Happy to have been BLESSED with you as a Mother....a LOVING Mother like No Other.....I will miss you until the end of my time here on earth until I'm in your arms again for eternity!! Love always Mom, your Loving "Baby Boy"...your "Honey"....your SON, Rob

Rob Nichols - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM