



## PATRICIA "PAT" DiFLORIO

August 5, 1937 - December 18, 2020

“PEOPLE LIVING DEEPLY HAVE NO FEAR OF DEATH” – Anais Nin

There is no better way to describe the 83 year journey of our mother and step-mother, sister, “Sister”, grandmother, aunt, teacher, accomplished musician, reader, traveler, ancestry expert.....Patricia “Pat” (DeLany) DiFlorio lived deeply, cared and loved deeply and had no fear of death, as she felt she had lived a wonderful and fulfilling life. When that quality of life deteriorated due to Frontotemporal Lobe dementia, she embraced her journey openly and looked forward to reuniting with her beloved husband of 33 years, Patrick DiFlorio, step-son Phil, mother Christine (Dossert) DeLany Foote, father Thomas Delany, brother Terry, infant brother Timmy, and her dear friend Father Jack.

Pat quietly passed on with a multitude of prayers guiding her way on her new journey from her loving son, Christopher; step-children Maribeth DiFlorio (Bob Coutant) and Patrick DiFlorio (Karen); beloved grandchildren Brogan, Connor, Sarah, Amanda and Zach and 6 great-grandchildren with a third on the way; her brother Thomas (Maureen) DeLany, sisters Kathy (Michael) Stapleton and Chrissy (Charles) Lynch; in-laws Frances Bennie, Mary Jane DeSocio, Robert and Irene DiFlorio, Edward and Gloria DiFlorio, and so many loved nieces and nephews on both sides of the family. We would be remiss if we did not include “Scruffy” who scampered joyfully into the house and jumped onto her lap whenever he came to visit!

Pat had another beloved family as well, the Sisters of Saint Francis which she joined in 1959. Now known as Sister Terrance (O.S.F.) she taught students of all ages in parochial schools in Syracuse and Florida for many years. Although Pat’s direction in life changed, she remained close with many of her “Sisters” through the years and those continued friendships brought her joy with each visit, card, or phone call she received.

Pat continued in the education field with the Syracuse City School District for 22 years. During her tenure as a district administrator Pat was involved with the Gifted and Talented program, the early Refugee program which welcomed the Hmong to our city, and the Potential Teacher Program (a cooperative venture between SCSD and SUNY Oswego) which prepared prospective teaching candidates with hands-on experience in the classroom setting. Pat eventually returned to her “original professional love, teaching.”

Pat and her husband Pat traveled to Europe often, spent winters in Florida, attended the frog races in Redfield and horse races in Saratoga. She enjoyed Sunday coffee with her in-laws and loved spending time at "the River." Music was a huge part of her life; she was an accompanist with the "The Singing Sisters of Syracuse" (O.S.F) and the Syracuse Symphony. The annual DeLany holiday party truly began when she sat down at the piano and the singing of carols began! Pat and Pat's house was always filled with family and friends, music, wine and great food, and best of all love and laughter!

Heartfelt thanks and blessings go out to Pat's caregivers: Kathy, Diane, Sharon, Lisa, Amanda, Andrea, Kermita, and Mary. Pat was able to live in her home, enjoy sitting in the sun on the front porch, listen to her Spotify playlist, and sleep in her own bed because of your care, compassion, and dedication. Many thanks also to the overworked, overwhelmed but dedicated nursing staff of 2-4 at St. Joseph's Hospital who cared for Pat in her final days with true compassion. Blessings all of you!

There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00 am Tuesday, December 22nd at St. Lucy's Church, 432 Gifford St., Syracuse (DUE TO GATHERING REGULATIONS, CHURCH WILL LIMIT OCCUPANCY TO 25 PEOPLE). Private burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt. Face masks are required and NYS guidelines on distancing will be followed.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to St. Lucy's Parish Center, 432 Gifford St., Syracuse, N.Y. 13204 or Sisters of Saint Francis, Franciscan Villa, 6900 Buckley Rd., Syracuse, N.Y. 13212.

Please share online memories and tributes at [www.bagozzitwins.com](http://www.bagozzitwins.com).

# Cemetery

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**St. Mary's Cemetery-DeWitt**

DeWitt, NY,

# Events

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**DEC 22** **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

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St. Lucy's Church  
432 Gifford St, Syracuse, NY, US, 13204

# Comments

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“ I have been trying to find her phone number for a month!!!!!! I am so saden that I did not get to talk to her one more time!!!!!! We did genealogy together and are distance cousins on the Borne side of the family. She had sent me so much information on her side of the Borne's. She spoke of Christopher so much, you were so loved. I am really sorry to hear this, you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Christi Borne Hash  
Louisville Kentucky  
kywoman40216@gmail.com



**Christi Hash** - January 10 at 02:28 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Pat. I've known Pat since us was a kid. She and my sister Patricia Boyle Molessa was best friends from Convent school. They entered the Franciscan nuns on the same day. Their friendship continued even after their paths as nuns ended. Unfortunately my sister Pat has Alzheimer's now. Please pass my sympathy to Kathy (and Mike) and to Chris (who I went to school with). Great lady great family memories. Love and God bless you all.



**mary kay boyle schramm** - December 24, 2020 at 07:28 AM

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**Kristen Gullotto** - December 23, 2020 at 03:03 PM

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“ Being one of the Convent girls over the years we have spent many hours crying , laughing and sharing stores. I will miss Pat very much but she is now at Peace. To her family I send my prayers, may she rest in peace. Love Carol Myers Murphy

**Carol Murphy** - December 22, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ Pat was a lovely lady. I knew the Delany family from Pine Grove in Pulaski. I remember Pat while she was a nun using the family motor boat take her fellow nuns for a ride in there habits flying behind them. I also knew her during her married life. Anytime I would meet her she always has a smile and a sweet greeting. Rest In Piece.

**Betty Duxbury** - December 23, 2020 at 09:08 AM

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“ Convent School class of 1955. May the Lord greet you as you enter Heaven, Res in peace



**Sharon L Williams** - December 20, 2020 at 01:08 PM

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“ Pat, 'Sister Terence' was my 7th grade teacher at St. Margaret's in Mattydale, way back in the 60s! I loved her and often thought of her thru the years. 6 years ago, she reconnected with me having gotten my 'card' from her sister. I was in throes of breast cancer then, but we made time together and i loved being with her again. She even came for massages with me a couple years later, and so did Chris. Loved the bonus time I had with her.

To the diflorio/delany clans, i am so very sorry for your loss... Pat was an Angel on earth, and now in God's glory to continue.

RiP, Pat, with love.

Patty Agne



**Patty Agne** - December 20, 2020 at 08:36 AM

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“ Pat and I were classmates in the Class of '55 at Convent School. She was such a bright light at our gatherings in later years and she always shared wonderful memories, words of encouragement and her beautiful smile. I will always think of the words kindness and love when thoughts of Pat come to mind. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family. Rest in peace dear friend. Mary Lou Cahill

**Mary L Lou Cahill** - December 19, 2020 at 03:46 PM

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“ To Pat's family I am so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. The last time I saw her smiling face was at my house last year, the Convent Girls Brown Bag lunch. We always talk for hours and cover many subjects and lots of laughs. The past year has been hard on her and God will welcome her Safely Home. Rest in Peace ear friend. Sharon Williams class of '55.

**Sharon L Williams** - December 19, 2020 at 02:33 PM

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“ Pat was a classmate at the Convent School and a dear friend in the later years. I will miss her smile and warmth and friendship very much but I know she is in a better place. Her courage and openness about the dementia was a gift to all of us.

**Mary Ann Donnelly** - December 19, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ Pat was a vivacious member of the Convent Class of '59 and as we mourn her loss, we wish to all her family a brighter and deeper joy and peace this Christmas for the great gift of her life.

Adele Schepp Young

**adele s. young** - December 19, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ I will always remember Pat's many talents. She was our accompanist for Concerts, for Graduations, and for gatherings in the auditorium as background music provider. She was a truly gifted musician. I have a picture of her in our Class Play, and all the yearbook class pictures for the many years before graduation in 1955. She was mature beyond her years, very religious and faith filled, always calm, always with the correct answer in classes. I looked up to her as the person who had it all together, knew who she was and where she was going.

I am sure that now she is with her Creator and He is telling her: "Well done good and faithful servant". She lives on now in the lives of you her family and of all of us who she touched.

Antonia (Toni) Matt Hansen

**Antonia Hansen** - December 19, 2020 at 07:51 PM