



Mary Patricia Sharp

March 25, 1936 - July 3, 2021

Mary Patricia Sharp (nee Gilles), 85, of Garfield, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, July 3, 2021. Mary was born in the Bronx and lived in Queens and Upstate New York before settling in New Jersey in 1957. Mary earned her Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Bergen Community College in 1997 and worked for GTE Sylvania in Teterboro for 8 years, retiring in 2001. She was a parishioner of Most Holy Name R.C. Church, Our Lady of Sorrows R.C. Church and Our Lady of Mount Virgin R.C. Church, all in Garfield. Mary was a proud member of the choir and was a Secular Franciscan at Most Holy Name. She was a girl scout leader for over 20 years and a CCD teacher at Most Holy Name and St. Anne's in Fair Lawn since 1974. Her passions in life included her love of animals, cooking, sewing and spending time with beloved grandchildren. Mary was the beloved long-time partner of Lorraine Rusnack of Garfield, devoted mother of Robert Sharp and his wife Nancy, Pattyann Romanik and her husband Martin, Kathleen Sharp and the late Kevin Sharp and his partner Kimberly Martin, loving grandmother of Karen and her husband Ryan, Kayla, Austin, Aidan and Andrew and dear sister of the late Rita Kaplan.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Cemetery

120 Saddle River Avenue
South Hackensack, NJ 07606

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Home of Garfield
207 Ray Street
Garfield, NJ 07026

Visitation

JUL 9. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

JUL 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin R.C. Church
188 MacArthur Avenue
Garfield, NJ 07026

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Patricia Sharp*

September 27, 2023 at 07:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Patricia Sharp.*



July 08, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *Your friends at RotenbergMeril purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Mary Patricia Sharp.*



Your friends at RotenbergMeril - July 08, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Patricia Sharp.*



July 07, 2021 at 03:59 PM

LR

“ Lorraine Rusnack lit a candle in memory of Mary Patricia Sharp



Lorraine Rusnack - July 06, 2021 at 07:29 AM

MA

“ Pat and I sang in the choir when she came to OLS and would always have Lorraine drive her to church. Lorraine wouldn't sing but was wonderful support. Pat would bring Karen or Aiden with her. When OLS moved to OLMV we didn't sing together any longer, but would get together for lunch, brunch, or a good time somewhere. Lorraine would bake something delicious I'm so sorry for her family's and our loss. A very lovely caring woman. We were going to get together soon, but couldn't seem to get in touch.

mariedolce - July 06, 2021 at 06:20 AM

MR

“ Melanie Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mary Patricia Sharp



Melanie Ryan - July 05, 2021 at 11:27 AM

LR

“ We had a lot of fun over the past 40 years together. I was the only person who got to call her Trish. She could always walk into a room of stranger and start talking to them like she's known them for ages. I know her family was very important to her. She loved her pets which adds up to dozens over the years. I will always love you and am comforted by the fact that you are now at rest.

Lorraine Rusnack - July 04, 2021 at 10:10 PM

LR

“ I have shared so many happy times with Mary over the 40 years we shared. She could walk in a room and start a conversation with anyone. She had a wonderful smile and a sweet voice. She will be dearly missed.

Lorraine Rusnack - July 04, 2021 at 08:05 PM

KC

I love life here in Virginia, and I'm glad my father insisted that we settle here instead of returning to the Bronx when he retired from the USN. The only bad feature to living here is that we weren't able to spend time with our grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. We were doing good to see these folks once a year, and so as a family we missed a great deal. Still I'm grateful that at least Pat and I could talk on the phone. It wasn't very often, but each time we talked it was like the years just melted away. There was no such thing as a "short" phone call for either of us.

Karen Chevalier Coffman - July 06, 2021 at 11:20 AM