



## Patricia Ann Kubiak

February 19, 1941 - September 26, 2025

Patricia “Pat” Ann Kubiak, 84, of North Tonawanda, NY, passed away peacefully on September 26, 2025, at Elderwood at Lockport.

Born on February 19, 1941, Pat devoted her life to caring for others. She graduated from LPN training in 1969 and worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse, spending 12 years at DeGraff Memorial Hospital and over 20 years at Heathwood Assisted Living & Memory Care in Williamsville, where her compassion and dedication touched countless lives. Pat was known for her incredible strength, organization, and tireless work ethic—qualities that defined both her career and her life.

For the past 20 years, Pat made her home at Canterbury Gardens in North Tonawanda, where she found great joy in friendships and community life. She loved watching Buffalo Bills football games with friends, sharing in Friday fish fries and daily gatherings with her Canterbury friends, helping in the kitchen for parties, and decorating for the seasons—always bringing warmth and cheer to those around her.

Her happiest times were spent surrounded by family and close friends. She loved boating on the river, fishing trips to Canada, and Buffalo Bills motorhome tailgates with Ron and friends. She also truly enjoyed hosting Christmas Eve dinners with close family and cherished games and laughter

with Kellie and Mike's families, and the grandchildren at Oak Lake. She loved traveling around the country to see Brian and Kellie and the grandchildren and explore the many Army installations where they were stationed. Pat also loved reminiscing with her sister, " Bobbi", about their childhood memories—sharing stories, laughter, and the bond that lasted their entire lives.

Pat was the beloved wife of the late Ronald J. Kubiak, who passed in April 1984, and the loving mother of the late Michael Kubiak (Dora), who passed in July 2021. She was deeply proud of Mike and Dora and the family they built and treasured the love, laughter, and memories they shared. She is survived by her daughter, Kellie (Brian) Mennes; cherished sister, Roberta McDonald (Angela Carbone); six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren, all of whom brought her immense joy.

A private graveside service will be held, and Pat will be laid to rest beside her husband, Ronald J. Kubiak, at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in North Tonawanda.

Pat will be remembered for her strength, kindness, and devotion to her family—a woman who worked hard, cared deeply, and made every place she lived brighter.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery**

North Tonawanda , NY 14120

# Tribute Wall

“ *When Great Trees Fall* by Maya Angelou

*When great trees fall,  
rocks on distant hills shudder,  
lions hunker down  
in tall grasses,  
and even elephants  
lumber after safety.*

*When great trees fall  
in forests,  
small things recoil into silence,  
their senses  
eroded beyond fear.*

*When great souls die,  
the air around us becomes  
light, rare, sterile.  
We breathe, briefly.  
Our eyes, briefly,  
see with  
a hurtful clarity.  
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,  
examines,  
gnaws on kind words  
unsaid,  
promised walks  
never taken.*

*Great souls die and  
our reality, bound to  
them, takes leave of us.  
Our souls,  
dependent upon their  
nurture,  
now shrink, wizened.*

*Our minds, formed  
and informed by their  
radiance,  
fall away.  
We are not so much maddened  
as reduced to the unutterable ignorance  
of dark, cold  
caves.*

*And when great souls die,  
after a period peace blooms,  
slowly and always  
irregularly. Spaces fill  
with a kind of  
soothing electric vibration.  
Our senses, restored, never  
to be the same, whisper to us.  
They existed. They existed.  
We can be. Be and be  
better. For they existed.*

*Forever in my heart dear sister.*

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**Bobbi** - November 24, 2025 at 04:37 PM

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“ *It was a pleasure to get to know pat my  
grandma and her used to be best friends as  
they lived in the same building I have known  
her since I was little, all the fun conversations  
we had about school, and life in general. She  
will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace.*



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**Madison M** - November 17, 2025 at 09:23 PM