



# Patricia A. (Pavia) Taranto

MAR 11, 1944 - AUG 21, 2015



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**P**atricia A. (Pavia) Taranto, 71, of Syracuse, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones on the morning of Friday, August 21, 2015. She was a graduate of St. Anthony of Padua High School and (CCBI) Central City Business Institute. A lifelong resident of Syracuse, she had been employed by Sears and Roebuck, Bristol Labs, Mineo Wholesale Produce and Pinnacle Data Corp.

Patricia is survived by her three sons, Marcus (Jennifer), Jason and Matthew (Kyle); four grandchildren, Zachary, Kara, Alexis and Michael; three brothers, Edward L. Pavia of Rochester, NY, Leonard P. Pavia of Saratoga Springs, UT and Russell J. Pavia of Newton, MA.

Patricia leaves us with memories of a loving mother, a fearless fighter, and with her writings which include: "A loss of a love. Time without words leaves you wondering. The whys in your head are somewhat haunting. You look for the answers deep in your soul. Only to find that "time" has again made you whole."

Calling hours for family and friends will be held from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on Friday, August 28, 2015 at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.




## Events


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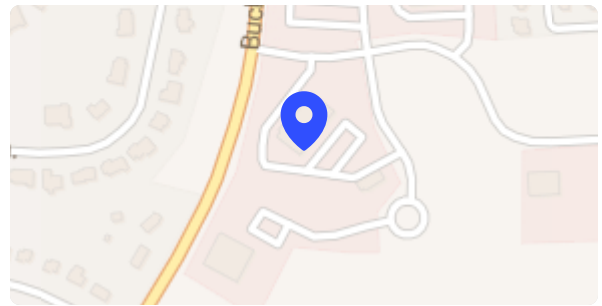
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### Visitation

 **Friday**, August 28, 2015

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**  
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212





# Tribute Wall

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**Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home** shared a **Tribute Video**.



August 28 at 10:37 AM



**Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home** shared an album called **LifeTributes**.



August 26 at 3:54 PM



NS

**Nancy Sullivan** posted:

Just one more thing I want to add. My son owns a small neighborhood tavern in Ogdensburg. I usually go down on Fri. for a little socialization. Pat would call on Fridays and ask if "we" were going out tonight. She was very interested in the regulars and got to "know" them and would talk to a few of them when I was there. When Mike's bartender of 10 yrs. was working her way through nursing school Pat would call wanting to talk to her and offering encouragement. When Mary graduated Pat called to offer her congrats. On Sat. mornings Pat would call to ask if "we" had fun and who was there. Some of the regulars have asked about her in the last yr. or so. Knowing that Pat had passed one of the regulars asked if I were going down tonight since I can't make the funeral. He thought it would be nice if we all raised a glass to her tonight as she seemed like part of the "Sully's" family. So I want you all to know that love will be coming from from Sully's in Ogdensburg. I know she would like that.

August 28 at 5:06 AM



CK

**Christal Kerrigan** posted:

Pat was my best buddy at St Anthony's ..we were always getting into some trouble when the nuns would catch us passing notes in class ...i was so happy when she made the cheerleading team ...we laughed a lot ..I reconnected with her a few years ago and her bright spirit remained though I knew she was suffering a lot My prayers to her sons ,brothers and grandchildren whom she mentioned a lotMay you rest in peace Connie KerriganSan Diego,Ca

August 28 at 4:04 AM



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**Kay Fenner** posted:

Prayers to the family, a terrible loss for everyone- one very fine lady. Kay Fenner

August 28 at 2:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Taranto family.



August 27 at 12:05 PM



**Kathy Tighe Leahey** posted:

Our first cigarette was on Pat's front porch swing. Second attempt was at a picnic behind a tree in some bushes. We walked to and from school every single day for seven years. Consoling each other thru those difficult teenage years, lots of complaining about the nuns, but mostly we laughed- wholeheartedly tear inducing bellows. Every day!! admired Pat; she was smart and most impressively could actually tell the difference between Sonny and Cher's voices. She taught me how to jitterbug cool like, and we'd dance together at the Open Houses after the games and at her home while her parents were working. We double dated and cheered together. We worked at Bristol Lab and until she couldn't use the computer easily, we e-mailed. Project Runway, politics, our pets and death were some topics we discussed. My head is flooded with wonderful memories of Pat and my heart is heavy, but the mention of her name will always bring a smile to my lips. Peace my friend. Kathy Tighe Leahey

August 27 at 10:46 AM



**Corrie (Carr) Lawler** sent an Arrive in Style to the Taranto family.



August 27 at 8:17 AM



**Corrie Lawler** posted:

Bart, Marc, Jason & Matt, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May peace be with you. Corrie (Carr) Lawler

August 27 at 7:12 AM



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**Jo Payne, Kathy & Pat Dibble, David & Amber Payne** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Taranto family.

August 27 at 6:32 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Taranto family.

August 27 at 5:40 AM



**Heather Aller** posted:

Patty was truly an inspiration to me. Words escape me to express how much she meant to me. I have never met anyone so independent, so full of determination. She never wanted anyone to feel pity for her and so she kept a lot of her struggles to herself. It wasn't until I got really close to her that I saw how strong she was. Family meant everything to Pat. She would talk about what it was like being the only girl in an Italian family, how her brothers were so protective of her and how much she missed them. Bart always held a special place in her heart. There were times when she would reminisce about how they had met and all the wonderful times they had together. It meant so much to her when he would visit these last couple of summers. I recall her telling me that one day they had lunch together and how nice it was to sit at the table, eating and talking together...it brought so many memories of days gone by, a moment in time that she cherished. Her children and grandchildren meant the world to her. It may have been hard for them to see that because she tried to shield them from her reality. She never wanted them to feel bad about how MS was taking everything away from her, so she kept a stiff upper lip and smiled. She was proud of each of her sons for their own accomplishments and would say, "They really turned out pretty great! I like to think I had something to do with that." It was so important to her that they didn't worry about her, that they live their lives and be happy, and take care of the grandkids and granddogs. You each are her legacy, a tribute to strength and her courage...live every day to the fullest, be kind to one another, and never give up. Patty gave me so many gifts - because of her, I learned to truly appreciate every little thing, how to be gracious, to take nothing for granted. She carried herself with pride and dignity even when facing trials that most people will never know anything about, and I admire her for all of it. She changed my life and when I feel like things are overwhelming, like I can't succeed, I will stop and think of her, then pick up and keep moving on. Thank you, Patty, for letting me be part of your life and for all of the experiences that we shared...you thought that I was a gift to you when in truth, it is you who is one of the greatest gifts to me. See ya later my dear friend.

August 26 at 3:54 PM



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**Loretta Sewak** posted:

I have wonderful memories of my cousin. How we laughed when she showed me how to can Italian peppers in her kitchen one night, how she adopted a new kitten every time she was down in the dumps, our monthly book club, her three page recipe for Pasta & Beans and many more. She was fun and she was funny and will be missed. Light and love to her family, Loretta Sewak

August 27 at 4:41 AM



**Clare Rothschild** posted:

Pat you are an inspiration to all that knew and loved you. The dignity and strength you showed with your illness will stay with me always. You always had a smile on your face and love in your heart. You will be missed by your family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Clare Rothschild

August 26 at 7:43 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Taranto family.



August 26 at 5:06 PM



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NS

**Nancy Sullivan** posted:

Pat was a treasured and dear friend for almost 50 yrs. We had so much fun together in our pre marriage and pre kids years when I was still living in Syracuse. And then later as busy as are we were having babies and raising children we always kept in touch. Back in the "olden days" our "long distance" calls were limited to once a year and boy did we run up the telephone bill. In the last 5 years our calls have been almost daily. We have laughed and cried (mostly laughed) and there was nothing we couldn't talk about. I called her my hero the way she handled her illness. She never complained and I never heard a word of self pity. I did know much she was struggling and my heart went out to her (couldn't let that independent soul know that though.) She was so interested in everything - from my family and friends to politics and I could go on and on. I will so miss our daily calls but am grateful she is no longer suffering. My heartfelt sympathy to Marc, Jay, Matt and their significant others and to Bart. And how would Pat have ever gotten along without her neighbor, Heather. Heather was there for her 24/7 and loved her like a mother. I got a kick out of the fact that Pat's ringtone on Heather's cell was "Help" by the Beatles. When she got that call no matter what time of day or night she would be next door like a shot. Heather would not want thanks but guess what "Thank you so so much, Heather." My very best to all, Nancy Sullivan

August 26 at 3:54 PM

JS

**Jim Sullivan** August 28 at 10:52 AM

Pat will be forever remembered by me for her infectious smile and laugh. On one of my trips to Syracuse I learned of her struggle and kept her in my prayers. Pat will always be remembered by the "The Class of 1962". My condolences to her family and be assured that Pat will rest in eternal peace. Jim Sullivan

NB

**Niles F. Bell** August 27 at 7:38 PM

Pat may have left the Earth, however, she has now entered Heaven as a spirit, with no more pain, discomfort and agony. May Pat forever rest in Eternal Peace.



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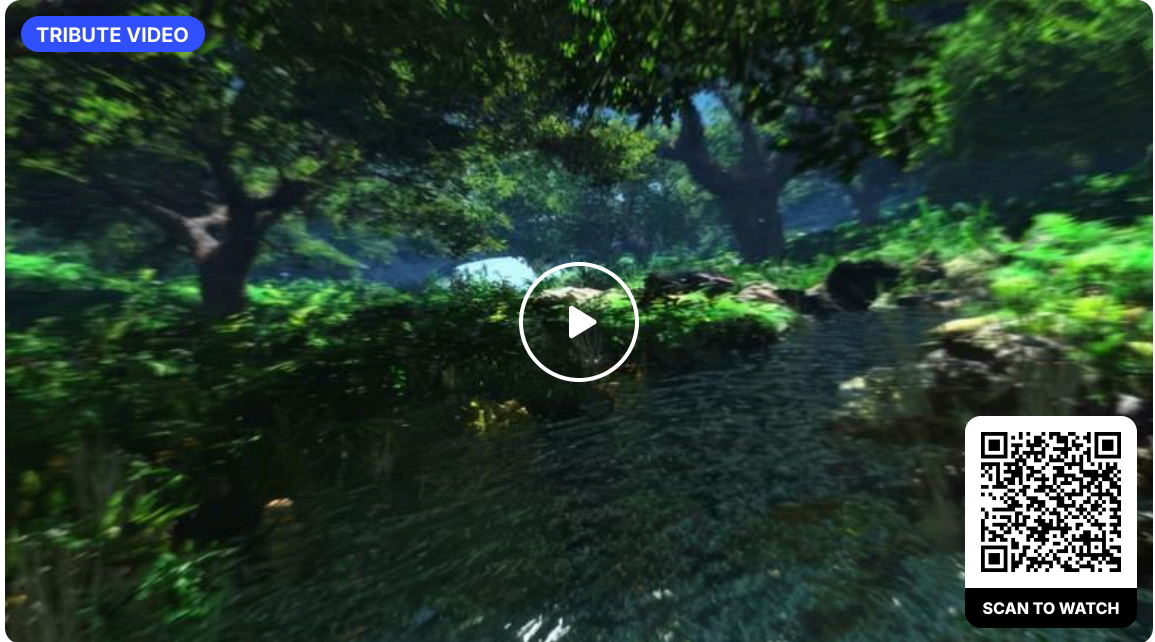
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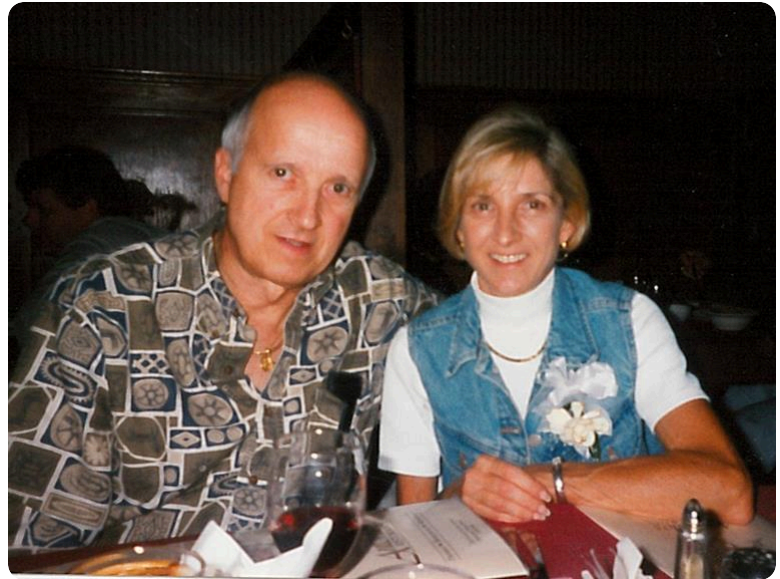




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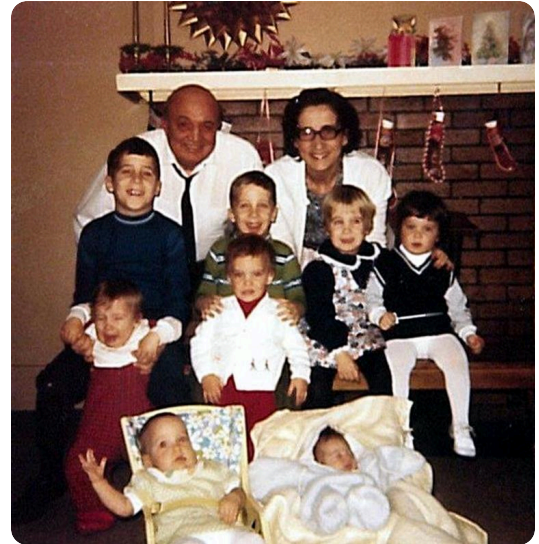




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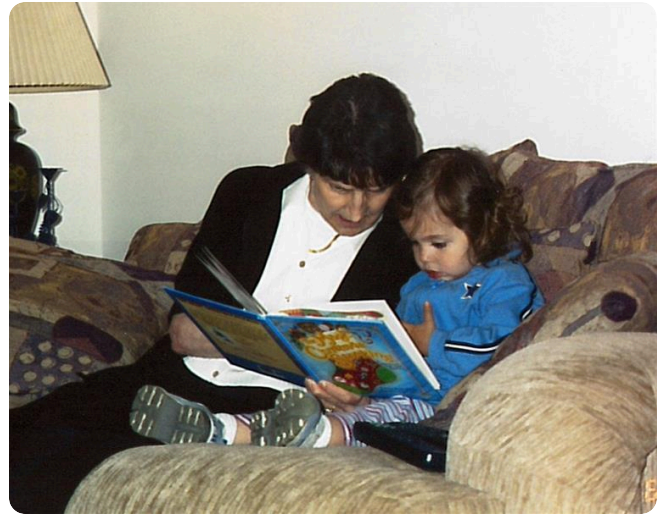
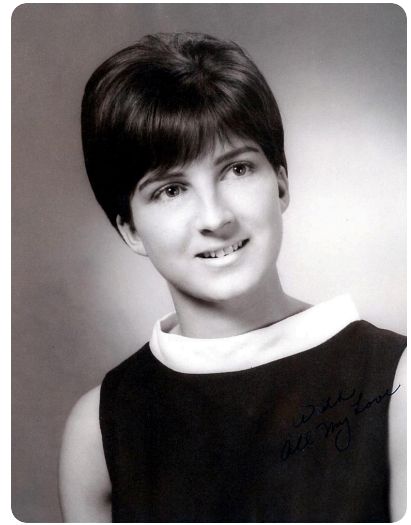




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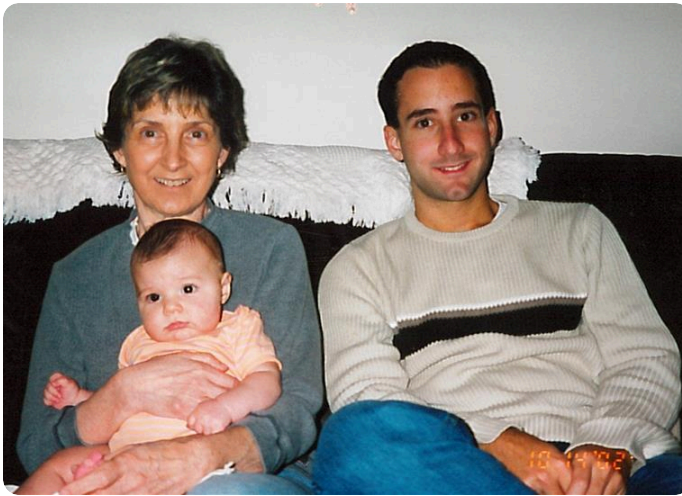




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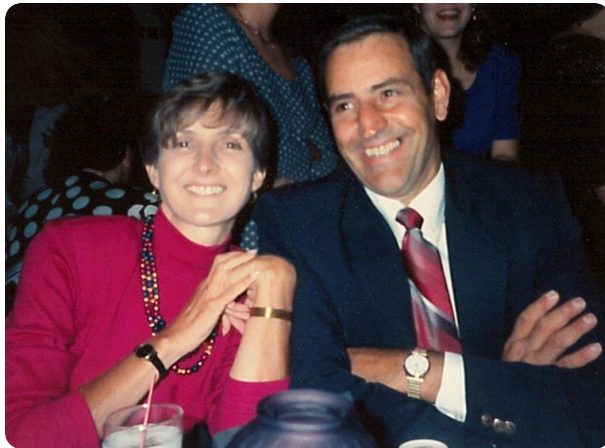




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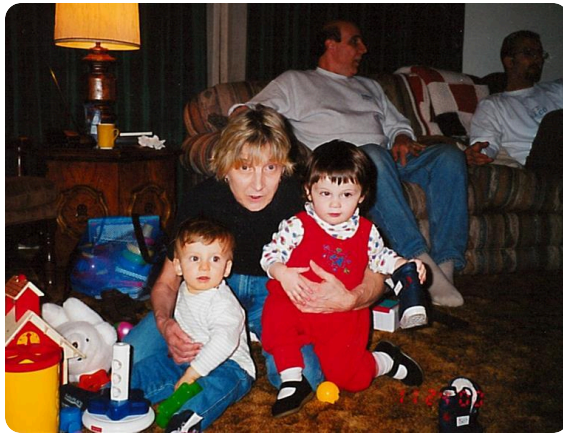




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