



# Margaret A. "Peggy" (Smith) Kurak

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**W**ith all the love in the world, it is our family's deepest regret that Peggy Kurak has passed away at the age of 73 on Friday, June 6, 2025. Peggy was a nurse at James Square Nursing Home for 50+ years, helping more people than could be counted to be rehabilitated, or made comfortable during their stay. Peggy was the center of our family and will truly be missed by everyone who was blessed to meet her, she was a caregiver to the end.

Peggy is predeceased by her parents, James P. and Rosalie Smith.

Peggy leaves behind her husband of 51 years, Robert Kurak; sons, James (Jennifer) and Matthew (Lindsey); grandchildren, JT, Jenna, Jacob and Madeline; sister, Kelly (Vito) Toia and brother, Timmy (Susie); nieces, Staci and Lily, great nieces, Kailana and Kira, her Aunt Cindy, Uncle David and her dog Murphy.

Our family would also like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Hartigan of CNY HOA. Never forget that we love you to the moon and back!

A funeral Mass in celebration of Peggy's life will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at St. Matthew's Church, East Syracuse, NY, with entombment to follow in St. Mary's Cemetery Mausoleum, DeWitt, NY. Family and friends may call from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.



# Events


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## Visitation

 **Tuesday**, June 10, 2025

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


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

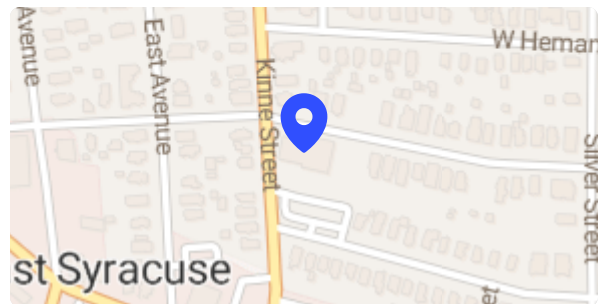


## Funeral Mass


 **Wednesday**, June 11, 2025


 11:00 AM ET

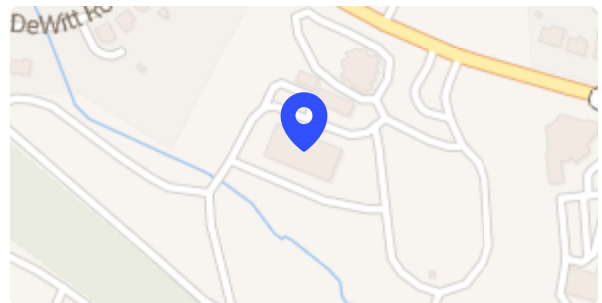
 **St. Matthew Church**  
229 W. Yates Street, East Syracuse NY 13057



## Cemetery Details

 **St. Mary's Mausoleum**  
4100 East Genesee Street, DeWitt NY 13214

 **475-4639**





# Tribute Wall

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



June 10 at 5:58 AM



**Nikerra Mathis** posted:

My name is Nikerra , I was Peggy's first caregiver when she came home in February she touched my heart in so many ways we became family she was apart of my daily living for a couple months , so sweet caring we grew on each other and I really appreciate being able to provide the care I did for this loving women .. my heart goes out to her family ! I love you Peggy thank you for showing me the love you did

June 10 at 11:21 AM



**Tom & Joyce Chris & Becky & Family** sent an Arrive in Style to the (Smith) Kurak family.



June 9 at 4:40 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Margaret.



June 9 at 2:56 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the (Smith) Kurak family.



June 7 at 9:23 AM



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**John And Helen Norine** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the (Smith) Kurak family.



June 7 at 9:05 AM



**Sondra Rutkowski** posted:

I worked with Peggy at James Square for almost ten years in the Staff Development department. Peggy was always such a kind, compassionate, sweet person and a great nurse. I cherish that time working with her, Pat, and Charm. I learned so much from them. My sincerest condolences to Peggy's family and friends and prayers for peace and comfort through the Spirit for all of you.

June 7 at 6:27 AM



**Niles F. Bell** June 9 at 3:07 AM

My family and I send our sympathies to Bob Kurak and family over the recent loss of Peggy Kurak. May Peggy's soul rest forever in Eternal Peace.



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**Nancy Harris** posted:

Peggy and I worked at James Square Health and Rehabilitation together for over 30 years. She always made a lasting impression on you, so caring, sincere, and compassionate. Peggy was so loved by our staff and Administrators. She had a very calming presence, that made her endearing to us all. She was a tremendous nurse, a loyal employee and just a pleasure to be around. My heartfelt sympathies to her family. Nancy Harris

June 6 at 6:00 PM

NE

**Nancy Eichholzer** June 9 at 4:01 PM

It is a sad day. I have many good memories of growing up with Peggy and all the family Sundays together at our Granny's. Terry and I remember our good times we had in the Adirondacks Peggy and Bob. Those times were the best. You will be very missed. Our deepest condolences to all. With Love, Nancy & Terry Eichholzer

JF

**Joseph Falge** June 7 at 5:49 PM

It's a sad day because peggy is here no more. I do remember peggy very outgoing and kind I'll miss you peggy. RIP.

SM

**Scott Murphy** June 7 at 6:19 AM

Peggy was one of the most compassionate people I have ever met. I had the privilege to have worked with her for 25 years while at James Square. She was always had a calming and reassuring way with people. My sincere condolences to the family. Rest in peace Peggy, you served your mission of serving others well.

MS

**Maureen Saunders** June 7 at 4:56 AM

I worked at James Square with Peggy, she was the kindest most gentle human being. I would ask her a health question often, she would take the time to answer. I will always remember you in my heart Peggy. Rest In Peace My sincere condolences to the family. Maureen Saunders



## Media

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June 10 at 5:58 AM



**Susan Squire** June 27 at 10:54 AM

I wanted to express my love and memory of Peggy. My husband worked with her at James Square. She was so nice and kind to everyone she came in contact with. We had many years with her. Now, she is up in heaven with Mark. I am very sorry for all you have and will be going through. 🙏 Susan Squire



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Margaret by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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