



# Patricia Ann Horan

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**P**atricia Ann Horan, 84, of Big Rapids, Michigan went to be with her Lord on Friday, September 6, 2024. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and community.

She was born on December 4, 1939, in Big Rapids, the daughter of Robert and Agnes (Tighe) Horan and lived in Big Rapids for most of her life while enjoying winters in Arizona. She was a lifelong member of St. Mary Catholic Church, graduated from St. Mary Catholic School in 1954 and graduated from Big Rapids High School in 1958. She received her master's degree in teaching and returned to St. Mary Catholic School where she taught for many years then furthered her career in Custer, Michigan until her retirement.

Pat devoted her life to family, church and community. She dedicated many years of her life to care for the sick and elderly, including family and Fr. William McKnight. She was passionately devoted to the Charles E. Fairman Community Pool for over 60 years.

She encouraged all children, especially those with special needs, to learn to swim. She gave so many young people the opportunity to learn important life lessons: to work as part of the pool family, to be challenged and to develop responsibility and work ethic.

One of her greatest teachings was how to accept all of God's children and learn to work together.

She is survived by her sister, Carol Tasker, sister-in-law Dolores G. Horan, brother-in-law Robert Dawson, many family members, and faithful friend, Arlene Krellwitz. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Robert T. Horan; sisters Mary Horan and Barbara (Horan) Dawson; nephews John Tasker, Paul Horan and Thomas Horan; niece Heidi Horan; great nephews Joshua Horan, Harrison and Chase Tasker.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary Catholic Church at 1 p.m., Monday, September 9, 2024, with Father Jegar Fickel as celebrant. Visitation will begin at 11:30 a.m. prior to



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the service. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Pat's name may be made to the Mecosta County Community Foundation (MCCF) and in the memo, please notate Horan Family Fund for St. Mary School; mail to PO Box 1012-C, Big Rapids, MI 49307 or online at [facommunityfoundation.org](http://facommunityfoundation.org). Contributions can also be made to the City of Big Rapids Pool Fund, 226 N. Michigan Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307. Share a memory or express condolences at [mohnkefuneralhome.com](http://mohnkefuneralhome.com).



# Events

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## Visitation

- Monday**, September 9, 2024
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM ET
- St. Mary Catholic Church**  
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**Val Pokorzynski Nickell** posted:

So sorry for your loss and that I just seen this today. Pat was an amazing lady. I have 2 kids with disabilities that I'm thankful for swimming lessons. God Bless.

September 23 at 5:23 PM



**Eldon Hayes** posted:

What an amazing person! I remember back in the day when the Community Pool was just Mitchell Creek dammed. To qualify to swim in the deep side of the pool you'd have to swim the entire length and back and Pat would follow along in a row boat in case you had problems. I was fortunate to catch up with her just last year. She will be missed.

September 9 at 2:54 AM



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**Dena Pedley** posted:

I learned so much from Pat while working with her at the Chaz. Not only about swimming but also how to be an amazing human being. She treated our pool family like we were one of her own and to a college kid that meant the world to me. I will continue to treat everyone with the same kindness and tough love she showed me all those years ago. Pat, you will certainly be missed! ❤️  
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September 8 at 4:23 AM



**Shelley (Ridenour) Harris** October 7 at 4:43 PM

I am so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. She was a wonderful woman and dedicated to her swimming students. I am the parent of a child with special needs and Pat was amazing with him during swimming lessons. Pat had both of my boys in her swimming class, and I know for a fact they got on her very last nerve; though, she never let it show. Pat will be missed by so many in the Big Rapids community. The lives she touched during her time as a swimming instructor are immeasurable. I will never forget her smile, patience and willingness to accept her students where they were in life. She will be missed by so many. The memories she helped create for me and my young children will never be forgotten. My deepest condolences to Pat's family and friends during this difficult time. -Shelley (Ridenour) Harris



**Julie Weiss** September 8 at 7:02 PM

Pat was always willing to help out anyone who needed it. She would always go the extra mile to assist her swimmers to become the best swimmer that he or she could be. If a person needed the extra help, Pat would work individually with the person, no matter how hard it was for the person and offer encouragement. Pat worked countless hours to make the Chaz run efficiently! She had the eye for detail and wanted to make sure that the Chaz was cleaned both inside and outside. One of the jobs was weeding the pool area. She wanted the Chaz "full of beauty." Pat would make sure that each of her workers from a Checker to Assistant Pool Director were treated fairly and would respect each other. Thank you, Pat for giving each of us a chance to prove that no matter what title that we had that we all deserve a chance to be the best that we can be. I will miss you! 🌱❤️😭



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

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



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