



## Patricia McMillan

November 26, 1946 - March 13, 2025

Patricia McMillan (nee Dubatowka) of Longwood, FL went home to the Lord on Thursday March 13, 2025 in Orlando, FL after a hospitalization attended to by her adoring husband Robert, and beloved son Matthew, both of Longwood. She was 78 years old.

Patricia was a parishioner of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Altamonte Springs.

Mrs. McMillan was born on November 26, 1946 in Brooklyn, NY, to Aleck and Virginia Dubatowka (Quirke). Settling in New Jersey, she graduated Immaculate Conception High School in 1964 and graduated from Georgian Court College in 1968 with a B.A. in Elementary Education

Patricia married Robert McMillan in Bergenfield, NJ on June 27, 1970. Upon Robert's discharge from the Air Force, they made a home in Longwood, Florida in 1977 raising their son, Matthew.

Of her 38 years as a teacher, Patricia taught first grade for 29 years at St. Mary Magdalen School in Altamonte Springs educating a generation of children with an enthusiastic and joyful spirit, especially encouraging a love of creative writing.

Patricia was an award winning freelance writer publishing articles in education periodicals including Today's Catholic Teacher, children's stories including The Missing Valentine in Highlights for Children, I Want An Iguana in Creative Classroom. and prayers like Challenger: A Teacher's Prayer.

The family finds great comfort in knowing that Patricia is reunited with her mother Virginia, father Aleck, and brother Stephen. How she loved her family! She brought great joy to family holiday celebrations whether at home in Florida with the McMillans or her many visits to Cold Spring and Shelter Island, NY. She authored so many memories for those who will miss her: Husband, Robert & Son, Matthew

The McMillan Family: James, Sharon, Kelly, Brian, and Marilyn.

Siblings: Deborah Anilonis (Donald), Dennis Dubatowka (Nancy), Daniel Dubatowka (Sherry), and Sue Spratt (James.)

Nieces & Nephews: Kristine Anilonis Bray (Eric, deceased), Mark Anilonis, Dustin Dubatowka (Karen), Sarah Pattis (Chris), Stephen Dubatowka (Heather), Emily Brennan (Thomas), Meghan Burnham (David), Peter Spratt.

Throughout her life Patricia had a special affection for animals which she expressed in her writing and her daily life. She leaves behind her faithful Freckles who "put the treat in treatment" for her successful fight against cancer. She had a special place in her heart for all the dogs in her life, Rocky, Rambo, Shadow, Spock, Woofer, Toby, Oliver, Lucky, Lucy, Clare, Ben, and many more. Wherever she wandered she was heralded by unbridled enthusiasm of wagging tails and prancing puppy toes anticipating reward.

Friends may call on Monday April 28th from 5:30-7:30 pm at DeGusipe Funeral Home (Maitland) for a Vigil. A Mass of Christian Burial will be

celebrated on Tuesday April 29, 2025, at 12:00PM at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Altamonte Springs. Inurnment will follow at Highland Memorial Gardens, Apopka.

Patricia was a steadfast supporter of the work of her son in the community: In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting:

Catholic Lawyers Guild of Central Florida Scholarship Fund through the Catholic Foundation of Central Florida  
[https://cfcf.iphiview.com/cfcf/Fundholders/AccountInformation/tabid/495/dispatch/accountselection\\_id\\$15338\\_hash\\$ce93d5230f5bb7a510ae4683a55ef2d6a6ce5926/Default.aspx](https://cfcf.iphiview.com/cfcf/Fundholders/AccountInformation/tabid/495/dispatch/accountselection_id$15338_hash$ce93d5230f5bb7a510ae4683a55ef2d6a6ce5926/Default.aspx)

Or

Rescue Outreach Mission, Seminole County's only emergency homeless shelter <https://romcfl.org/donate/>

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of DeGusipe Funeral Home, Maitland, FL

# Previous Events

## Vigil Service

APR **28**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory  
9001 N. Orlando Avenue  
Maitland, FL 32751  
<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

## Funeral Mass

APR **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church  
861 Maitland Avenue  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701  
(407) 831-1212  
<http://www.stmarymagdalen.org>

## Reception to follow immediately after the Service

APR **29**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Cafe Murano  
309 Cranes Roost Blvd  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

*Family will join after inurnment*

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ She was my first grade teacher 45 years ago and she set a wonderful foundation for reading and writing that I carry forward with me today. I remember her whales all over the classroom. I also remember writing quite a bit in her class. Eventually, I became an elementary school teacher myself and now I'm an education professor at Vanderbilt who writes for a living. Thank you, Mrs. McMillan for sharing your gift of teaching with me.

Brian Kissel - April 29, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia McMillan.



April 28, 2025 at 02:44 PM

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“ Scott, Rachel and Gracie Plakon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia McMillan.

Scott, Rachel and Gracie Plakon - April 28, 2025 at 11:29 AM

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“ Scott, Rachel and Gracie Plakon purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia McMillan.



Scott, Rachel and Gracie Plakon - April 28, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia McMillan.



April 27, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ Deepest Sympathies, The Conklyn Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia McMillan.

**Deepest Sympathies, The Conklyn Families** - April 27, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ Deepest Sympathies, The Conklyn Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Patricia McMillan.



**Deepest Sympathies, The Conklyn Families** - April 27, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ Debbie ,Don & Mark Anilonis and the Bray purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Patricia McMillan.



**Debbie ,Don & Mark Anilonis and the Bray** - April 27, 2025 at 12:21 PM



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



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April 26, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ *The Missing Valentines, February 1982*



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**Matthew McMillan** - April 15, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ *Easter 1976 in Niceville*



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**Matthew McMillan** - April 15, 2025 at 04:50 PM

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“ Pat and I were teaching partners at St Mary Magdalen for about 14 years. We taught next door to each other as third grade teachers. We were then moved to first grade. We shared teaching skills, organizational goals, and personal accomplishments. To me, Pat was as close to me as a sister. She filled the void as I only had brothers. She was fun to be with in school and our occasional faculty group “happy hours”. Pat. is someone I will never forget. I’m sorry Pat and I never collaborated on writing some of our experiences with the children we assisted in their school adventures.

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**Carol Rossi** - April 15, 2025 at 04:40 PM



“ I wish to thank all the well wishers and those who have expressed their sympathy and condolences regarding Pat's passing. It has been a heart wrenching experience and I don't know if I will ever fully recover from the loss. Pat was a joy and blessing. There are no words to adequately describe the joy her smile could bring or the hole her absence has left in my life. She was my best friend.



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**Robert McMillan** - April 11, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ *With Monsignor Patrick Caverly  
Sr George Francis, principal of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School  
In the Sanford Herald, 1979*



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**Matthew McMillan** - April 10, 2025 at 05:35 PM



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**Robert McMillan** - April 10, 2025 at 05:08 PM



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**Robert McMillan** - April 10, 2025 at 04:59 PM



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**Robert McMillan** - April 10, 2025 at 04:49 PM



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**Robert McMillan** - April 10, 2025 at 04:45 PM



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**Robert McMillan** - April 10, 2025 at 04:36 PM



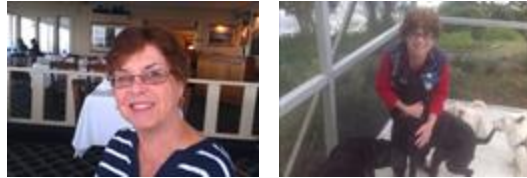
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Robert McMillan - April 10, 2025 at 04:30 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Robert McMillan - April 10, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ *Patty always had a smile & laugh. She brought happiness to those around her. Be at peace & may your passage be swift. You will be forever in our hearts & memories.*

Barbara Vandenbergh - April 09, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ *Here is an article from the Orlando Sentinel about the publication of The Missing Valentine in Highlights For Children.*



Matthew McMillan - April 09, 2025 at 05:16 PM



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**Robert McMillan** - April 09, 2025 at 05:11 PM



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**DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory** - April 09, 2025 at 02:12 PM