



Sally "Pat" Athanasopoulos

March 17, 1934 - July 31, 2019

Sally "Pat" Athanasopoulos, 85, of Kankakee, passed away Wednesday (July 31, 2019) at Citadel Nursing Home in Kankakee. Her loving family was by her side when she passed.

She was born March 17, 1934, in Chicago Heights, the daughter of Sullivan "Sully" Verchio and Elizabeth Ricchiuto Verchio. She married Andrew "Hunk" Athanasopoulos on July 21, 1963, at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Kankakee.

Pat was a graduate of Illinois State University and started her career as a teacher at Kankakee Junior High School and then followed her family into the restaurant business, first with her husband at Hunks Pancake House and then Sully's Restaurant, which serviced the area beginning in 1947.

She enjoyed cooking, playing cards and most importantly spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Surviving are her most loving daughter, Andrea (Shan) Cinnamon; sister-in-law, Karen Verchio; and grandchildren, Gabrielle, Max and Alexis Cinnamon. Also surviving are Peter and Melissa Athanasopoulos, George and Jennifer Tarulis Cory and Tricia Kohan; along with many loving nephews and nieces. Preceding her in death were her husband; parents; and a brother, Raymond

Verchio.

Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, until the 11:30 a.m. services at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home in Manteno, with the Rev. Jack McCormick officiating. Burial will be in Mound Grove Cemetery, Kankakee.

The family “would like to extend a thank you to Hospice of Kankakee Valley and a special thank you for all the love and care she received over the years from the Citadel Family.”

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.
Please sign her online guestbook at brownjensen.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Brown-Jensen Funeral Home
21 N Main St
Manteno, IL 60950

Celebration of Life

AUG 2. 11:30 AM (CT)

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21 N Main St
Manteno, IL 60950

Burial

AUG 2. 12:30 PM (CT)

Mound Grove Gardens
1000 N Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ *Sally "Pat" Athanasopulos*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Knew Pat since 1961. She and Inez Somers taught me so much about so much...I was then 18 an they were "older" women! So many fond memories many of which revolved around wonderful Italian and Greek food and lots of Greek "adult beverages"! Fast forward to Sullys the finest dinner house in Kankakee history. Inez and I are so proud to have shared so many great memories with such a fun loving hard working friend.
Gina Puswaskis Regnier, now Gina Weaver.*

Gina Weaver - August 05, 2019 at 12:24 AM



“ *Fond memories of "Aunt Pat" at Sully's, the Verchio's, the Martin's and at the Heflin parties. Always laughter, kind words, card playing and lots of stories, great stories! I'm so thankful for those fabulous memories. My sincere sympathies to the family and extended family....she touched many lives, she touched mine.*

Hugh Janda - August 03, 2019 at 08:24 PM



“ *Hugh Janda lit a candle in memory of Sally "Pat" Athanasopulos*



Hugh Janda - August 03, 2019 at 08:18 PM

MD

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dandelles lit a candle in memory of Sally "Pat" Athanasopoulos*



Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dandelles - August 02, 2019 at 09:05 PM

MC

“ *I worked for the Verchio family for many years at Sully's. Pat and Hunk we're both very kind and easy to work for. I highly respected them. My condolences to Andrea and to the rest of the family.*

*Mary Jane Cleeland
Sedona, AZ*

Mary Jane Cleeland - August 02, 2019 at 12:09 AM

KJ

“ *OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS TIME
SALLY AND KEN JAFFE*

KEN JAFFE - August 01, 2019 at 09:43 PM

MZ

“ *Andrea, Karen, and Family,
Sorry for your loss, you and your family are in
my thoughts and prayers.*



MaDonna Zasada - August 01, 2019 at 12:56 PM

MM

“ *MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Sally "Pat" Athanasopulos*



MR MRS - August 01, 2019 at 08:23 AM