



## Patricia Marie Pioszak

March 18, 1930 - January 29, 2025

Patricia Marie Pioszak, fondly known as “Miss Pat” passed away comfortably in the early hours of January 29, 2025, in Sault Saint Marie, Michigan, where she lived. She was born on March 18, 1930, to Michael and Anna (Dauphine) Tobin in Detroit, Michigan.

Pat moved as a child along with her family to Alma, Michigan. She graduated from the Education Department at Central Michigan University and began her teaching career at Pullan Elementary School. She taught in Shepard, Michigan, Battle Creek, Michigan, and finally settled in St. Johns, Michigan, with her husband William Joseph Pioszak of Ludington, Michigan. There, she taught kindergarten and second grade at Perrin Palmer Elementary and Central School until she retired in 1985. She was a positive influence, touching the lives of hundreds of children throughout her career. Miss Pat never forgot the name or faces of her students, their parents, or their children. Pat and Bill were lucky enough to purchase a cottage on Birch Lake near Elk Rapids, Michigan, where she was an active member of the Elk Rapids Golf Club. She was fond of saying and demonstrating “the more the merrier” throughout her life, constantly hosting family and friends in both St. Johns and Birch Lake. She also lived by the adage “you like it, I like it,” which made her the most agreeable and pleasant person anyone could be around. After her retirement, she traveled with family to places of her origin: Nova Scotia (where her mother was from), Newfoundland (where her father was from), Ireland

(where everyone was from), and Poland (where her husband's family was from).

Pat is survived by her five boys and their spouses, William Scott (Karen), Timothy Paul (Kathi), Thomas Michael (Judy), Jeffrey Alan (Christine), Paul Robert (Jane); ten wonderful grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, William; and siblings, Dolores, John, George, Anna (Tillie), Michael, and Mary.

A Memorial Gathering will be announced in the summer of 2025.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Miss Pat's honor to McKinley Manor, 2023 W. 4th Ave. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, or Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Ave. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

Obituary as submitted by family.

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Pat Pioszak's son Bill, and daughter-in-law Karen, and I have been friends for the last few years. Although I did not know Pat personally, through many great stories from Karen and Bill, I felt like I knew her.

*Mrs. Pioszak sounded like a lady full of energy , interested in travel/adventure and had many talents. Her students adored her with her wit and guidance.*

*I am so sorry for the loss of your delightful Mom, Bill, Karen and families.*

*My heart goes out to you during this sad time. Julie*



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**Julie Stauffer** - February 16, 2025 at 05:19 PM

HH

“ While I didn't know Pat very well, I'm sure my younger brother, Chuck Hubbell, knew and cherished her. Tim and Chuck were such good friends for so many years. I am so sorry for your loss. She sounds like such a wonderful person, Mom & teacher. May she rest in peace and may you comfort each other knowing how many people she touched in her life. Rest in peace.

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**Holly Hubbell-Kaidan** - February 11, 2025 at 03:05 PM

DD

“ Mrs. Pat was my kindergarten teacher at Perrin-Palmer. She was and is my favorite teacher thru all my years. She was sweet, kind, fun, and always a joy to be around. My wife and I stopped to see her a couple of times at Hazel Findlay, but we missed her both times at she was up north with her family. Our hugs and prayers to all those who loved the one and only Mrs. Pat. - Dan Downing

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**Dan Downing** - February 11, 2025 at 01:52 PM

PA

“ She will always be Mrs. Pioszak to me. Kind, with a beautiful smile and a genuine interest in others. In my late teens, I became friends with one of her sons and Mrs. Pioszak made me feel welcome every time I visited their place on Birch Lake; just steps away from the water and a great barbecue! Though the summer sun seems fleeting, the warm memories of Mrs. Pioszak will be in my heart forever. ❤️

*My sympathies to her family and all her family of friends. - Pam Merillat*

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**PAM** - February 08, 2025 at 07:43 PM

BH

“ I was sorry to read of Pat's death.I recall fondly the many years we were neighbors, particularly her finely honed sense of humor. Also recall the scolding I received for leaving the fish guts in my garbage bin.I am so sorry for your loss such a delightful and important figure in your lives. Take care.

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**Bill Holland** - February 07, 2025 at 01:13 PM

BM

“ I am forever grateful for the care and mentorship of both Pat and Bill. They played such a positive role throughout my life. Pat’s friendship and warm sense of humor leave me with nothing but happy memories to cherish.

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**Bette Munger** - February 04, 2025 at 06:29 PM

MM

“ Pat was always a lady and very sweet! I have very fond memories of her and I will always cherish and carry her in my heart! She is now with her Bill!



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**Marea Menovske** - February 03, 2025 at 04:27 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Marie Pioszak.



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February 01, 2025 at 10:59 AM