



## Mrs. Patricia J. VanNortwick

August 2, 1928 - November 9, 2021

Patricia J. VanNortwick, 93, of Cortland, passed away on November 9, 2021, at Cortland Park. Born August 2, 1928, in Brooklyn, Pat had been a Cortland resident for most of her life.

Pat received her Bachelors Degree in 1946 from Albertus Magnus and went on to receive her Masters Degree in Public Health Education from Columbia University. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and a member of the Catholic Daughters of The Americas Court #919 Cortland. Pat was very involved in her community and gave her time to various organizations. She worked the polls during election season, volunteered at Cortland Memorial Hospital, represented St. Mary's Church for the annual volunteer recognition event, helped with the Office of the Aging and served on their Board, helped with summer lunch program, crocheted blankets for newborns, helped at the Cortland County tourist booth, Easter Egg Hunts, volunteered with the Red Cross blood drive and the Cancer Society. She visited the sick, loved Beatrix Potter and had a wonderful collection of rabbits. She was impossible to beat at Chinese Checkers. After raising her six children, Pat was a substitute teacher with the Cortland City School District as well as completing the school census. In 2010 she and her late husband of 58 years, Jim were named Senior Citizens of the Year. Pat received the Immaculata Award from the Diocese of Syracuse and was presented the award by the Bishop of the Diocese of Syracuse.

Survivors include four daughters; Monica (Patrick) West of Cortland, Mary Grace VanNortwick (Christopher Passarelli) of Liverpool, Patrice VanNortwick (Geri Button) of Utica, Pamela Woodward (Brian Heble) of Denver and two sons; James (Kimberly) of Chicago and Gerald (Lisa) of Los Angeles. Grandchildren; Emily VanNortwick, James Williams, Jr. (Eva Bongards), Charlotte VanNortwick, Cole & Clay VanNortwick, Sophia Woodward, John Tyler Normann and Olivia Norman.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church. Prayers of committal will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. The

family will be present to receive friends on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main St. Cortland, N.Y. Contributions in Pat's memory may be made to St. Mary's Parochial School 61 N. Main St. Cortland, N.Y. 13045. Condolences may also be sent to the family by visiting [www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)

PLEASE NOTE: Masks are required for all visitors attending the funeral home visitation or the funeral mass at church.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

4101 West Rd  
Cortland, NY 13045

# Previous Events

## A Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 15. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church  
Cortland, NY 13045

# Tribute Wall

EG

“ I met Pat when I joined Catholic Daughters. I was always glad to see her and have a chance to chat. She never failed to wish me a safe trip home as I travel from Norwich to attend meetings. She is a large part of my happy experiences with the Court and those memories will be treasured. I am sorry I was unable to join you for her services. My prayers are with your family.

*Emily Goehner  
Vice Regent, Court Cortland #919  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas*

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**Emily Goehner** - November 16, 2021 at 05:38 PM

JD

“ We were so sorry we were away and couldn't attend Pat's services. What a great and special lady she was! We so much enjoyed being their neighbors over on Colony Dr.  
Pat and Jim were both such wonderful people! Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. God Bless all of you, Sharon & John Daniels & Sons

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**John & Shharon Daniels** - November 16, 2021 at 04:03 PM

SB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Pat was a beautiful lady and gave her time to so many organizations. She will truly be missed. God Bless 🙏 RIP Pat.

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**Sandra Bordwell** - November 13, 2021 at 02:29 PM

RP

“ Very sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom !!  
It was good seeing you guys at the Reunion of the ages !!

*Take care and God bless !!*

*Rick Partigianoni*

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**Rick Partigianoni** - November 13, 2021 at 06:16 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia J. VanNortwick.



November 12, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia J. VanNortwick.



November 12, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia J. VanNortwick.



November 12, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia J. VanNortwick.



November 12, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia J. VanNortwick.



November 11, 2021 at 09:06 PM