



## Mrs. Patricia Phillips Duffy

September 2, 1950 - August 10, 2025

Patricia Phillips Duffy, 74, of Malone, New York, passed away on August 10, 2025, at the Alice Center. Born on September 2, 1950, in Rochester, New York to Margaret Gilligan Phillips and Manderson Phillips, she graduated from Franklin Academy High School and SUNY Potsdam before beginning over a three-decade career as an elementary school teacher in St. Regis Falls.

Patricia deeply loved her profession, finding immense joy in nurturing young minds and making a profound, lasting impact on the lives of countless children through her dedication, creativity, and compassion in the classroom.

Patricia enjoyed artwork and often spent relaxing time painting, drawing inspiration from the world around her. She particularly loved the vibrant fall colors of the North Country.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Gerald Duffy; her sons, Jared Duffy of Colonie, New York, Michael Duffy and his fiancée Lauren Swanson of Boca Raton, Florida, and Trevor Duffy and his wife Elizabeth Duffy of Getzville, New York; and her grandchildren, Taylor and Walter. She also leaves behind her brother Richard Phillips of Lakeland, Florida, her sister Mary Ellen Kelley of Richmond, Virginia, and her sister Amanda Phillips-Riley of Mountain View, New York. She was predeceased by her brother Wallace Phillips.

A memorial service will be held at a future date yet to be determined at St. Mary-Murphy Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Rochester, New York.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



# Cemetery Details

## **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery**

2461 Lake Ave.  
Rochester, NY 14612

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ May my schoolmate Patty rest ever in peace in the love of God above who smiles upon her as He ever did, now as she is parted from this world for His heavenly embrace. My dear and truly loving friend throughout our school days together has often come to mind over the years. We will always remember her smiling personality and gentle mind, those of us who were fortunate enough to know and grow with her. May God bless her family. She will always remain in my loving memory, never truly departed at all. My condolences to all who will miss her. In faith, Marilyn Stark FA '68

Marilynn Stark - August 24, 2025 at 12:58 PM

CW

“ Thoughts and prayers to all

cheryl willett wilcox - August 22, 2025 at 10:50 AM

CW

“ Cheryl Willett Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Phillips Duffy



cheryl willett wilcox - August 22, 2025 at 10:49 AM

MG

“ I had the privilege of working with Patty at SRFCS. She was so kind, caring, and nurturing to her students! I'm so honored to have worked with and known such a wonderful person. What a legacy she has left in St. Regis Falls. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family members.



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**Meg Goddard** - August 18, 2025 at 07:55 PM

MP

“ My sincerest condolences to Jerry, Amanda and family. Patty was such a sweet and kind lady and it was an honor to have known her.  
~Mona Perry

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**Mona Perry** - August 18, 2025 at 10:09 AM

SR

“ Rest in peace Patricia... My condolences to the Phillips/Duffy family.  
~ Stuart Rowley

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**Stuart Rowley** - August 18, 2025 at 09:38 AM

KM

“ Miss Phillips/Mrs. Duffy was my second grade. She was wonderful, she left a lasting impression on me. I even stopped by the school as an adult to say hello to her, I remember her as having so much kindness. She certainly left a a wonderful legacy.

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**Kelly Moselle** - August 17, 2025 at 01:08 PM

HF

“ Mrs. Duffy was my second grade teacher. She saved my life! I was choking on an orange at snack time, and she gave me the Heimlich maneuver! I will never forget her, her sweet smile and spunky personality. Every time I eat a thin mint cookie I think of her. She always bought thin mints from all the Girl Scouts, myself included, and would tell us she ate thin mints because they make you thinner. May she rest in peace and love.

Holly Fraser - August 16, 2025 at 04:18 PM



I've heard this story from her about you choking on an orange! Thank you for sharing these words :)

Elizabeth Duffy - August 16, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ Kind, gentle, wonderful person and teacher. It was an honor to work with her and have her teach my own children.

Lyndon Farmer - August 16, 2025 at 01:24 PM

MR

“ So sorry to hear of Patty's passing. Patty and I were first cousins and shared many enjoyable times together growing up. My condolences to her family. May she rest in peace. 🙏  
Mary Rufa

Mary Rufa - August 16, 2025 at 08:10 AM

AC

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Duffy for many years at SRF Central. She was a fantastic teacher and person. The number of lives she positively impacted cannot be measured. May she rest in eternal peace.

Archie Collins - August 16, 2025 at 08:02 AM

JB

“ *Our family sends our deepest sympathy*

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**jim besette** - August 16, 2025 at 06:32 AM