



## Patricia M. Danford

February 18, 1923 - December 16, 2016

Patricia “Pat” Margaret (O’Dwyer) Danford died on December 16, 2016. She was born in Toledo on February 18, 1923 to Leo K. and Catherine M. (Cullen) O’Dwyer and was the widow of Paul F. Danford. Pat was an Editorial Assistant at the Catholic Chronicle, the newspaper of the Diocese of Toledo, for over 30 years, working with founding editor, Francis I. Nally and his successor, Daniel J. McCarthy.

When Pat married Paul Danford October 8, 1949, the diocesan policy was that no married women could work there. The policy later changed. In 1965, editor Nally asked how many days she could work for him while he looked for a full-time staffer for the newsroom. As Pat told it, “He never got another person; I added days and didn’t leave.” On December 31, 1990 she did leave when she retired at the same time as editor Dan McCarthy. “It’s an end of an era at the Catholic Chronicle” wrote fellow-staffer Tom Kelly about the retirement of these Chronicle veterans.

Pat was a graduate of St. Ann’s School and of Notre Dame Academy. She was active in the early years of the YCW (Young Christian Workers) and one of the founding members of the Toledo Council of Catholic Youth (TCCY) and of the Bethany House. Pat loved the written word, sending cards and notes to relatives and friends all of her life.

She is survived by her daughters, Patricia M. Delgado and Deborah A. Tucker; twin sister, Joan L. Neuser; grandchildren, Max B. (Jennifer) Delgado, Bridget P. Delgado, Sarah C. Tucker, Veronica Tucker and Michael P. Tucker;

great-grandchildren, Julian J. Gifford, Ana C. Delgado and Lillian M. Tucker as well as her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Margaret M. O'Dwyer and her son-in-law, Winfor Tucker.

A Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, OH 43610, on Tuesday, December 20th. at 1:00 pm where the family will begin receiving guests at 12:00 pm. Interment Calvary Cemetery.

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution are asked to consider scholarship funds at Notre Dame Academy, St. John's Jesuit High School, the Bethany House or to the Rosary Cathedral. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.  
Toledo, OH 43607

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral  
2535 Collingwood Blvd.  
Toledo, OH 43610

## Service

DEC **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

EM

“ *What wonderful tributes to Pat. While we were not very close, myself along with other men from Perrysburg always enjoyed going to Mass on Saturdays at the Cathedral. In years past Pat and her sisiter Joan were always a permanent fixture in preparation of the days event. Although privatley we always referred to these wonderful women as the hobbit sisters as they were small and adorable not to mention always happy to greet you with a smile and a hug. In reading Pat's obituary I am in awe of all her accomplishments. Blessings to all the family, Pat will be very missed. Ernie....*  
*Perrysburg, Ohio*



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**Ernie Marsteller** - January 01, 2017 at 02:55 PM

NC

“ *Dear family of Pat...  
The Savage Sisters, Frances and Libby, were with you and your twin at St. Ann's and at Notre Dame. I heard good stories about both of you from these sisters. Later as my husband and I took our family to live in the Old WEst End, I learned first hand the goodness of the twins...Pat and Joan. She WAS the Catholic Chronicle for all of us for years. Our daughter, Cathleen Coyle Johns, always said, "The separation between our world and the next is but a thin veil. We can connect back and forth knowing our loved one is always close." May you her family feel her nearness. Pat, now rest in peace and her life will live on in all of you.*

*nancy coyle  
Crawfordsville IN*

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**nancy coyle** - December 27, 2016 at 02:27 PM

JG

“ I am Mary Rita Monahan Gouttiere's oldest boy. The Monahan girls, Mary (2013), Ann Kathryn (2009), and Deborah Monahan Gallagher (residing now in Sacramento, California) grew up on Grand Avenue, across the street from the O'Dwyer girls.

*Among my earliest memories are hearing about the O'Dwyers from Jack and Alice Monahan, my grandparents, my Mom and my Aunts. Boy they thought the world of them. My Aunt Deb still does. It wasn't till my Mother's passing in February 2013 that I met "the Twins," Joan and Pat at her wake. What sweet ladies. I wish I had had the opportunity to meet them earlier. Both Joan and Pat exhibited the grace, outlook, and ability to turn a phrase that belongs only to the Irish. O'Dwyers, and Monahans, two very Irish families. If the names doesn't give it away, their fair complexion, and blue twinkling eyes do. I am glad for the opportunity to meet you, Joan Neuser, and your Sister, Pat.*

*I spoke to Aunt Debbie Wednesday evening, and she was 93 in February, and she said that two better friends she never had. The three of you saw each other every day from grade school at St. Ann's through high school at Notre Dame Academy, when it was on Bancroft Street, and according to Aunt Deb, you girls never had a cross word "that went over night. That's saying something, Johnny."*

*O'Dwyers, Danfords, and Neusers, you have my deepest sympathies for your loss, and having met Pat, I can understand it first hand. What a lovely person. The world is a better place for Pat having been here.*

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**John P. Gouttiere** - December 23, 2016 at 12:16 PM

SR

“ I recall your mother (and grandmother) coming with you to Mass at St. Mary's Parish on some occasions, and I wish to offer my sympathy to you: Pat, Max, and Bridget. God's peace!

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**Sr. Toni Rode** - December 21, 2016 at 04:20 PM

RR

“ I was new to the family and going to my first Christmas Eve get together at aunt pat's. Nervous about meeting the whole family for the first time aunt pat grabbed my arm and said glad to finally meet you. And made me feel like I'd been part of the family for years. Thanks aunt pat.

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**richard roman** - December 20, 2016 at 07:19 AM

PL

“ Thank you for a wonderful life, Aunt Pat. I love you.  
*Phil Lederer*

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**Phil Lederer** - December 19, 2016 at 04:01 AM

BM

“ Dear Debbie and family,

*My prayers are with you at this difficult time. I have such fond memories of your mom. I will always remember her warm personality and beautiful blue eyes. May God comfort and guide you.*

*Beth Mohler*

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**Beth Mohler** - December 18, 2016 at 08:37 PM



*Thank you Beth. Mom loved Boston Place and so many wonderful friends met there. The Mohlers were at the top of the list! Many good memories.*

**Deborah Tucker** - December 20, 2016 at 06:42 AM

JM

“ *Condolences from Jim McCarthy, Dan's eldest. Dad often spoke of Pat.*

**Jim McCarthy** - December 18, 2016 at 04:41 PM



*Mom often said how fortunate she was to work with people of such integrity and class. She loved your mom too  
Thank you/ Deb*

**Deborah Tucker** - December 20, 2016 at 06:45 AM

LK

“ *We were so saddened to hear about Aunt Pat's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

*Lori (Danford) Knierim  
Kim (Danford) Sopko  
Jim Danford*

**Lori Knierim** - December 18, 2016 at 09:09 AM

VL

“ *I was Pat's Personal Banker @Key and was very sadden when I received today's paper to hear of her passing. She was a very spiritual and uplifting client to me when she frequent the bank. Always bringing me raisin walnuts/pecan cookies and offering words of encouragement. I share in your grief in her passing and know that she will be forever missed. Vivian*

**Vivian Lewis** - December 18, 2016 at 07:05 AM