



## Elaine M. "Pat" Gutknecht

April 20, 1928 - September 9, 2019

Elaine M. "Pat" Gutknecht, 91, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away Monday, September 9, 2019 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice. Formerly of Pittsburgh, PA she moved to Fort Myers in 1967 before relocating to Bonita Springs in 1996. Pat was born April 20, 1928 in Pittsburgh, PA a daughter of the late Albert and Margaret (Kern) Steinmetz.

Mrs. Gutknecht spent 21 years working for the Circuit Court as a clerk in Lee County. Pat was a faithful parishioner of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church where she was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary – Knights of Columbus Council 8877. She also enjoyed sewing and baking.

Survivors include her loving children, Rick (Phyllis) Gutknecht of Bonita Springs, FL, Tom (Susan) Gutknecht of Bonita Springs, FL, Marianne (Sheila) Gutknecht of Mays Landing, NJ and Elaine C. (Rene) Scharon of Wooster, OH; 4 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Pat was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 60 years, Ralph Gutknecht Jr.; and siblings, Ralph Steinmetz, Dolores Zebert, Lorraine Deuerling, and Thelma Koenig.

A private Mass of Christian Burial will be held for the family. She will be laid to rest beside her husband at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Port Charlotte, FL.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## **Restlawn Memorial Gardens**

1380 Forrest Nelson Blvd.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33949

# Tribute Wall



“ Elaine M. "Pat" Gutknecht

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ In the book of beautiful souls there are not enough words to express my sorrow to hear about the passing of 'Mom' Gutknecht. To the entire family, I give my deepest condolences. To my dear sister and brave companion of the road, Marianne, my heart is breaking. Your mother was a true light in this world. I never saw her angry or rude; She was a hero in my life on so many levels. Sitting around her dining table and enjoying a delicious bowl of homemade barley soup, was a magical memory I have of happy days in our childhood. Your mother knew you hung the moon! She loved you so very much! Your parents were mine, too. I mourn their passing with you. Elaine, how proud your dear mother was of you! Keep her light shining by living a happy and healthy life. Love never dies. I send you warm hugs and comfort and LOVE.  
Your forever friend,  
Julie Love-Asaad

Julie Love-Asaad - September 28, 2019 at 04:41 AM



“ I'm sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you. Pat Gress

Patricia Gress - September 12, 2019 at 02:22 PM