



## Patricia L. Nevins

July 22, 1937 - March 6, 2024

Patricia L. Nevins 86, of Estero, FL passed away on March 6, 2024, at her residence surrounded by her loving family. Pat was born in Queens, NY on July 22, 1937, a daughter of the late George and Cecilia (Rawley) King.

After graduating high school, Pat enrolled at the Cortland State Teachers College where she completed her undergraduate and graduate studies earning her BA and Master's degree. It was there that Pat met the love of her life, Stanley C. Nevins. They married the day before graduation in 1959. The newly married couple settled in Middletown, New York, where Stan began his first teaching and coaching position at Orange County Community College. While residing in Middletown, the couple welcomed two sons; Michael James and Timothy Charles. A career opportunity for Stan to coach wrestling and lacrosse brought their young family to Cobleskill, NY where they would make their home for thirty-five years.

Her teaching career began at SUNY Cobleskill in 1965 where she taught Early Childhood Learning for 30 years before her retirement in 1995. She served for many years on the faculty Senate and received numerous Chancellors' Awards for Excellence in Teaching. Additionally, Pat served as an appointed Commissioner of the New York State Parks and Recreation Commission and in 1975 as Chair of the New York State Special Olympics when the games were hosted at SUNY Cobleskill.

She is survived by her son, Michael (Lauren Bellcourt) Nevins of Delmar, NY, and their children, Jennifer (Aaron) Griffin, Caitlin (William) Allen, and Patrick Nevins; son, Timothy (Leisa Roy) Nevins and their children, Abigail, Bailey and Cameron Nevins, six great-grandchildren: Grace, Liam, Shepard, Grant Allen and Morrison and Lenox Griffin and 5 grand dogs and one grand turtle.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Stanley C. Nevins who died August 8, 2020, and her two sisters, Joanne Wankel and Sister Mary Lee King.

Pat and her late husband, Stan retired to the Villages at Country Creek, in Estero, Florida in 2000; where they enjoyed the hospitality and friendship of the entire community. An animal lover, Pat was especially fond of the bird sanctuary that was her backyard and the annual visit from her favorite indigo buntings. Pat and Stan were enthusiastic sports fans and would attend the games of family and many friends. They were members of Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, and Bonita Springs Elks Lodge. The family would like to say a special thank you to many caregivers, but especially Faith, Joie, Colleen, and the staff of Hope Hospice.

A Memorial Mass to celebrate her life will be held at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community 19680 Cypress View Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33967 on Friday, March 15, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Burial will follow in the memorial garden at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions made be made in memory of Pat to: The Stanley and Patricia Nevins Scholarship fund, for future teachers at SUNY Cobleskill Foundation, 106 Suffolk Circle, Cobleskill, NY 12043, [www.cobleskill.edu/give](http://www.cobleskill.edu/give)

LAST LOOK!

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family  
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# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden

19680 Cypress View Dr.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 15. 1:30 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community  
19680 Cypress View Dr.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ *Mrs. Nevins was a favorite among my COBY Early Childhood teachers, back in 1971/72. She inspired me to continue my education, and I enjoyed 30 years of teaching elementary education.*

*I didn't know Mr. Nevins, but several of my friends said what a wonderful teacher/coach he was.*

*My condolences to their family. You know what a difference they made to the many students they taught.*

*Sandy Shaffer Gray*

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**Sandy Gray** - July 08, 2024 at 06:21 PM

CD

“ *Very good, Mrs. Nevins!... You finally got the "Last Look"! Well done! :)*

*Ya just had to be there...back in the day at Cobleskill to appreciate the silliness and laughter that ensued every time with a "Last Look".*

*You were part of the best Early Childhood (Nursery Ed) faculty ever...*

*I have never forgotten you and the others.*

*I was happy to read how you and Coach enjoyed your retirement in FL.*

*Now you are reunited with your dear husband...Rest peacefully and joyfully.*

*Prayers for peace and happy memories to your family and friends.*

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**Cindi DeCotis** - July 06, 2024 at 07:36 AM

AS

“ Mrs. Nevins was my gym teacher at Minisink Valley High School in Slate Hill NY in 1963. She was the best gym teacher I ever had. (She put my toe back in place after dislocating it during cheerleading practice 🙄) she was compassionate and encouraging every student. So sorry if not hear of her passing

Arleen Furman Strecker - May 23, 2024 at 09:25 AM

LG

“ Pat and I drove together to the Adirondack mountains for our annual Alpha Sig get togethers. It was a special time for me just because Pat was with me. We laughed, joked, shared memories and loved life! She made my life better!

Linda Griffen - March 24, 2024 at 01:38 PM

TM

“ The Minahans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia L. Nevins.

The Minahans - March 14, 2024 at 01:03 PM

TM

“ The Minahans purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Patricia L. Nevins.



The Minahans - March 14, 2024 at 01:03 PM



“ Pat was one of the first local Cobleskill friends that welcomed me, literally, into the Nevins Family home on Rose Street. I was still in college, but was dating John Price, friend and colleague of Stan's. Eventually, I had my "own" bedroom at the Nevins' home, and this began more than fifty years of advisement, endless humor, wit, and story-sharing, and having the great fortune of becoming an Early Childhood teaching colleague for many years at SUNY Cobleskill. For John and myself, both Pat and Stan Nevins "wrote the book" as exceptional examples of the best in many ways. We will always cherish our time together.

Martha Price - March 12, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ Forest Preserve District of Will County planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia L. Nevins.

Forest Preserve District of Will County - March 12, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia L. Nevins.



March 12, 2024 at 10:23 AM

SB

“ I'm shocked to learn of Pat's death. Many years have passed since we last laughed & hugged. Pat is one of my "memory women"...you just don't forget them. My sincere condolences to all her remaining loved ones. I am celebrating her new life now and cheer her on as she makes others "up there" laugh & cry with her spirit of love.  
Sandy Berard

Sandra Fay Berard - March 11, 2024 at 09:52 PM

TF

“ The mazzotti family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patricia L. Nevins.



The mazzotti family - March 11, 2024 at 03:58 PM

DG

“ Dear Mike and Tim it is with great sorrow that I write this note  
We just heard your moms passing  
She meant a lot to our family and I will miss her. Our prayers and thoughts go out to you and your families .

Dan and Edel Groski - March 11, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patricia L. Nevins.



March 11, 2024 at 11:25 AM