



Cecilia H. Palka

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Cecilia H. (Babe) Palka, 74, of Amherst, formerly of Lorain, passed away peacefully with her family and friends by her side on January 12, 2015 following a brief illness. Born February 18, 1940, Cecilia attended Marymount High School in Garfield Heights and continued her nursing education and career in Vicksburg, Mississippi before returning home to Lorain to work at the former St. Joseph Hospital in 1966 and later Lorain Community Hospital (Community Health Partners) where she retired after over 40 years of nursing in 2004.

Cecilia, or Palka as she was called by her co-workers, began her career at St. Joseph's as the head nurse on 2A and then became head nurse in the ICU. She also taught pharmacology at St. Joseph's LPN School of Nursing where she became a mentor, advisor and life-long friend to many nurses thereafter. She also worked as a hospice nurse for New Life Hospice, an industrial nurse for the Ford Motor Company in Lorain, and in radiology at North Ohio Imaging Center. Palka was one of the first nurses in Lorain to be trained and certified to perform kidney dialysis. Her nursing skills, medical knowledge and dedication were respected by many of her fellow nurses and doctors.

An avid golfer, sports fan (Cleveland Indians, Ohio State) and animal lover, Cecilia also liked to read, travel, try her luck and dine out with friends and family. She was a life-long active member of the former St. Stanislaus Church of Lorain and belonged to the Nightingales, a social club for retired St. Joseph's RNs. She felt that everyone was important, no matter what job they did, and always had a smile, joke or kind word for them. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

She is survived by her brother, Walter Metka of Worthington and sister, Rose Gow, of Wellington along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Jane Palka of Lorain.

The family will receive friends on Friday, January 16, 2015 from 3-7 p.m. in the



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Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst. Closing prayers will be held on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral center followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 200 St. Joseph Drive, Amherst. Rev. Fr. James Sheil will officiate. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the American Heart Association

(www.heart.org)

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.dovinreberjones.com



Events

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Visitation

Friday, January 16, 2015

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

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1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH 44001



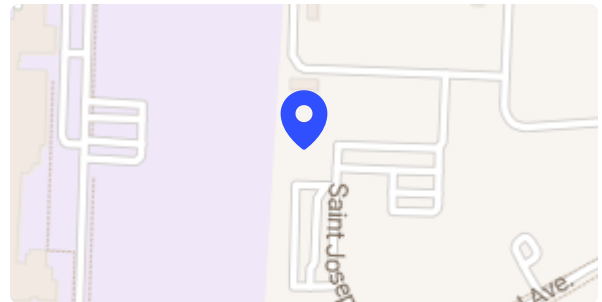
Funeral Mass

Saturday, January 17, 2015

11:00 AM ET

St. Joseph Catholic Church

200 St. Joseph Drive, Amherst OH 44001

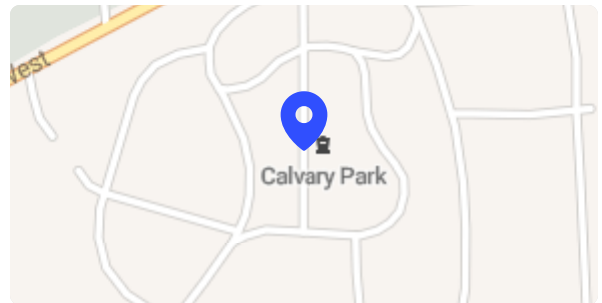


Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

555 N Ridge Rd, Lorain OH 44053

440-233-5117





Tribute Wall

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DB

Denise Boycik posted:

I had the honor of working with Palkas at both St Joes and Community! She was the finest nurse and woman I have ever met! We went to Michigan and tried our luck, hers was better than mine! She will be missed by many...she will give them a run for the money up there! God Bless you Palka!

January 17 at 3:32 AM

RD

Robbie & Mike Difilippo posted:

I have known Babe for over 20yrs. The one thing I will always remember about her , was years ago I had surgery at St. Joe's I remember the second day I woke up and she was sitting there waiting for me to open my eyes. She must had a few mins to spare as she was working her shift at the hospital. How kind of her to check on me! We will miss you .Mike & Robbie

January 16 at 10:09 AM

RG

Rich Gow posted:

One time my Aunt Babe came to pick me up from kindergarten, a friend of mine asked me who was in the car and I said she was a "friend" how true that was, She was the cool Aunt who golfed, played tennis, went to Mardi Gras, Vegas and saved lives. She gave my brother and I our first car, a 68 Dodge Polara, (aka the bat mobile), when she got a new car. I will always love and remember my "friend" Aunt Babe, say hi to Grandma for me, love you. Rich

January 14 at 4:53 PM

RG

Ron Gow posted:

My Aunt Babe was special. It was kinda cool talking to her especially about sports. As youngsters my brother and I were learning to golf and Aunt Babe took us to the course. After a bad tee shot she said "mulligan" and promptly re-teed and hit another. That's where we first learned about golf's most important shot. Thanks A. Babe. I know you're safe and pain-free so take all the mulligans you want. Your loving nephew Ron.

January 14 at 12:40 PM



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Cathy Priebe posted:

I have been so fortunate to meet so many of my aunt's close friends. They have shown me another wonderful facet of her life, something we always knew but it so nice to hear. I will truly miss her. Love always , Cathy

January 14 at 11:22 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Cecilia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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