



Marie A. Pilbeam

July 10, 1922 - March 19, 2021

Marie A. (Smith) Pilbeam, age 98, passed away on Friday, March 19, 2021 at the Saline Evangelical Home in Saline, MI. She was born on July 10, 1922 in Lynn, Massachusetts, the daughter of Lester H. and Katherine (Pelkey) Skelton. On February 14, 1944 in Lynn, Massachusetts she married Mr. John Smith, and he preceded her in death on August 6, 1977. Some years later on October 27, 1980 in Milan, MI, Marie married Mr. Kenneth Pilbeam and he preceded her in death in September of 1999. The ocean was one of Marie's favorite places. She was raised in Massachusetts and as a child would walk to the ocean each day with her brother and sister. After retirement, she was able to visit her favorite places near the water. Marie endured the hardships of being a Naval wife and giving birth to Joy, during World War II. She shared interesting stories about those times, giving her children and grandchildren some history during that period of time. All her grandchildren have been blessed with her beautiful paintings and drawings throughout the years. She enjoyed all types of projects, especially hand quilting, sewing and all kinds of art. Marie graduated from Lynn English High School and attended The Massachusetts School of Art and Eastern University. She retired from the York Woods Center For Children, where she taught art to challenged children. Survivors include her daughter Joy Holley and grandchildren Thomas (Susan) Holley, Michelle McCartney, Amy Wheeler and Matthew Smith. Also surviving are her great-grandchildren Drake and Demi Hirschfield, Matthew, Maria and Elizabeth Wheeler, Delaney McCartney, and Brooke and Brianna Holley.

Marie was preceded in death in addition to her parents and husbands by her brother Lawrence Skelton, her sister Rita Clark, her son Lawrence Smith, and son-in-law Dennis Holley. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at the St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline, MI. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation at the church from 10:00 A.M. until the time of Mass at 11:00 A.M. Burial will follow the service and will be held in the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. Memorial contributions in Marie's name may be made to EHM Senior Solutions: Memo/Notes section Life Enrichment Department, and envelopes will be available at the church. To leave a memory you have of Marie, to sign her guestbook, or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

MAR **24**. 12:20 PM - 12:40 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery
227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Tribute Wall



“ *Marie A. Pilbeam*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Sorry to hear that Marie passed away. She was Regina Smith's neighbor on Lancaster Ct. in Saline.
Regina's Son
Ralph Smith*

Ralph Smith - March 30, 2021 at 08:21 AM



“ *Joy: My heart goes out to you and your family. Remember that a Mother is with us always, first in her lifetime and then forever in our memory. Cherish all those special memories my friend.*

Deana Ellison - March 23, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marie A. Pilbeam.*



March 19, 2021 at 05:15 PM

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“ Joy,
Today is Elaine's birthday. She and Marie will be celebrating together!

Sue

Susan M Mulka - March 19, 2021 at 04:21 PM

SM

“ Dear Joy and family, I've been thinking about your mom so much, wondering how she was getting along in this very difficult year and now I know. We loved your mom and whenever we visited our mom, Elaine, it was as great to chat with Marie too. We would share treats with her, and Mom always enjoyed the treats you shared too! She told us so many times that she didn't know why God hadn't taken her yet. She is now in the arms of our heavenly Father. God bless you and comfort you.

Love and prayers,
Sue Mulka

Susan M Mulka - March 19, 2021 at 04:14 PM