



## Patricia Ann Tercyak-Merkle Harris

January 1, 1937 - November 16, 2025

The staff at Heishman Funeral Service, Inc. send condolences to the family of Patricia Ann (Tercyak-Merkle) Harris.

Patricia Ann (Tercyak-Merkle) Harris, 88, died November 16, 2025.

Mrs. Harris was born January 1, 1937 in Norwich, CT to the late Stella and Bronislaw Tercyak.

She attended local schools in Norwich and received her R.N. license, from the Lawrence and

Memorial School of Nursing in New London, CT in 1957. She retired from the state of

Connecticut in June 1995.

After returning from a two year stay in West Berlin Germany with her husband and son in 1974,

Mrs. Harris moved to Sterling, Virginia later that year working at Loudoun Hospital in Leesburg,

until her move back to Norwich in 1983. After the death of both her father (2001) and her

mother (2006) and her husband Raymond (1987), she returned to Virginia in May 2008 (where

her son still lives) and settled in Fort Valley, Virginia. In 2024, Mrs. Harris

moved to Westminster  
at Lake Ridge in Lake Ridge, VA.

Mrs. Harris is survived by her son Rev. Charles W. Merkle III of Woodbridge, Virginia, a brother Ronald Tercyak (Linda) of Lakewood Ranch, Florida, and a niece Carol Lynn Barrentine (Wade) and family of Smyrna, Georgia.

The family will receive visitors Monday, December 1st, 2025 at Miller Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.; 3200 Golansky Blvd, Woodbridge, VA 2192 from 2-4PM and 6-8PM. The family will also receive friends on Tuesday, December 2nd at Heishman Funeral Home; 159 N Main St. Woodstock, VA from 2-5PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. John Bosco Catholic Church; 315 N Main St. Woodstock, VA 22664, on Wednesday, December 3rd at 11:00AM. Interment will be held on Friday, December 5th at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Cemetery in Norwich, Connecticut at Noon.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the St. John Bosco Building Fund and mailed to St. John Bosco Catholic Church.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Marys and St. Josephs Cemetery

815 Boswell Ave  
Norwich, CT 06360

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home  
3200 Golansky Blvd.  
Woodbridge, VA 22192

## Visitation

DEC 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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3200 Golansky Blvd.  
Woodbridge, VA 22192

## Visitation

DEC 2. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Heishman Funeral Service  
159 N. Main St.  
Woodstock, VA 22664  
(540) 459-2199  
heishman3@shentel.net

## Funeral Mass

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint John Bosco Catholic Church  
315 N. Main Street  
Woodstock, VA 22664

## Burial

DEC 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

St Josephs Cemetery  
815 Boswell Ave  
Norwich, CT 06360