



Marie Kathryn Preston RN

July 20, 1939 - November 21, 2025

Marie K. Preston, 86, passed peacefully at home on November 21, 2025, surrounded by her loving children and grandchildren. Born in Kingston, PA, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Elizabeth Kachmar. Marie was a 1957 graduate of Kingston High School, a 1960 graduate of Robert Packer School of Nursing, and a 1980 graduate of Mansfield University. Marie was a dedicated RN for almost 50 years. She was instrumental in the development of the oncology department at Packer Hospital as well as Guthrie Hospice. She was an active member of the Epiphany Church, The Elks Club, and spent countless hours volunteering for local humane societies and The Bradford County Literacy Program. Marie is survived by her daughter Donielle (Patrick) Athens, PA and son Douglas Preston, Waverly, NY. Additionally, she is survived by her siblings Andrew Kachmar, Betty (Paul) Rudolpho, Elane Michaels, and Dolly (Matt) Cooper; grandchildren Eric (Kassandra) Farrell, Aaron Preston, Donny (Taylor) Farrell, Shelby Preston, Chloe (Justin) Dudash,

and Dalton

Preston, as well as seven great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Marie was

predeceased by her husband, Donald Preston, son Daniel Preston, brother Michael Kachmar, and sister Dorothy Lapasnick.

Marie's family wishes to thank Guthrie Hospice for their love and guidance in making Marie

comfortable during the last few days of her life. A funeral mass will be held on December 11,

2025 at Epiphany Church of Sayre, PA at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that

donations be made to the Bradford County Humane Society, Sayre Public Library, or Guthrie Hospice.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany
304 S Elmer Ave
Sayre, PA 18840

Tribute Wall



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marie Kathryn Preston RN.*



December 07, 2025 at 10:28 PM



“ *Marie was truly an RPH legend. She and I shared so many laughs—and plenty of moments where we drove Mr. Schultz absolutely nuts—but in the end, we always came out on top. She wasn't just a colleague; she was a dear family friend and one of the very best in her field. So many people admired her, and for good reason.*



Rest easy, my friend. You will be missed, but never forgotten.

Jody Campbell - December 04, 2025 at 04:28 PM



*I remember Marie very well. She was a wonderful example of a great nurse.
I never worked with Marie, but always looked up to her as a younger nurse. My sympathy to her family.*

Donna Marie Campbell - January 04 at 10:39 PM

JD

“ *Donielle and Doug, my deepest condolences on your loss. I remember your mom from our days in dietary when we worked there in high school. Very nice lady who took her job seriously. People looked up to her in every way!*

Jerry DelPierre

Jerry DelPierre - December 04, 2025 at 02:10 PM

SS

“ *Marie was my first boss as a new graduate RN. She taught me so much more about pain control and comfort and support than I ever learned in nursing school. She was an inspiration to me. We remained friends for 50 years and she even came to my surprise 50th birthday party in Pittsburgh and then went to gamble! I am deeply saddened by her death, but so proud to have known and worked with her. Susan Zulkosky Samuels*

Susan Samuels - December 03, 2025 at 09:12 PM

MN

“ *I want to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of Marie. She was my first nurse manager back in 1998, and an incredible leader and mentor who truly shaped the nurse I am today. Her commitment to excellence and her high standards ensured that every patient received the best care possible.*

She inspired not only me but so many others to strive for excellence and to always put patients first. Her guidance and example will always stay with me, and I will never forget the impact she had on my life and career.

Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Melanie Nittinger

Melanie Nittinger - December 03, 2025 at 07:29 AM

AB

“ Marie was a gift. Her caring for Kay Fedorka, for one, will never be forgotten. Our sympathies. - Jim and Alice Bennett.

Alice F Bennett - December 02, 2025 at 10:25 PM

MB

“ Loved Marie’s nursing standards and history as an icon at RPH!!
A true mentor and example of nursing!
Praying for the family at this very difficult time 🙏
Mary Beth and Bob Bidlack

Mary Beth Bidlack - December 02, 2025 at 09:16 AM

LT

“ I have known Marie for 50 years . I was one of the nurses that helped start the oncology unit at RPH. She was my manager or as we called them in the old days Head Nurse. She was the greatest manager I ever worked for. She strong and compassionate. I will always remember the parties we had back then for every resident that spent time on oncology. We had a good crew and supported each other. I will miss her as a friend and mentor.

Linda. Taubar - December 01, 2025 at 11:22 PM



“ Worked 25 years with Marie on the oncology unit - we didn't know a whole lot about cancer nursing but preserved to become proud of the unit . Marie was the best nurse I ever knew and her high standards just became what the unit was all about. We worked hard but had much fun working with so many wonderful staff members. I believe everyone looked up to Marie. She will be greatly missed both for what she did who she was. Gail Riley

Gail Riley - December 01, 2025 at 05:28 PM

YF

“ *Your Session 80 Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Marie Kathryn Preston RN.*



Your Session 80 Family - December 01, 2025 at 04:56 PM

TO

“ *I was saddened to hear of Marie's passing. I have always had respect for her. She played a huge part in my nursing career. As a brand new graduate she hired me and told me if I wanted to be a good nurse, she would make me a good nurse. And she did. She held high standards of care for patients, and it showed. She ran a tight ship but it was always for the good of her patients and her unit. She was also a friend. I have many memories of time spent with her. We shared several interests, including travel, good food and wine, and playing the slots. She was always ready and willing to help people. She will be missed. I pray for comfort for her family and friends. I will always remember her.*

Teri O'Brien - December 01, 2025 at 12:56 AM

JS

“ *Marie was a great nurse and mentor. Patient care and teaching (of nurses, patients, students, and anyone involved in patient care) were major interests of hers. I'm proud to have learned from and worked with her.*

Jayne Spentzas - November 29, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ I am saddened to hear of Marie's death. She was a strong and loving person. I'm glad I got to work under her at RPH. She instilled great nursing skills in the staff . She was a good friend also . I had gotten to see her again this year and I'm glad for that. So many wonderful memories of her. Fly high Marie, My condolences to her family and friends.
Kathy Lawson Mack

Kathy Mack - November 29, 2025 at 01:53 PM



“ Marie always knew that I would be a good unit clerk for the Robert Packer Hospital. She had faith in me and in those nurses in Nursing Administration. Thank you, Gary Delpierre

Gary Delpierre - November 28, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ I am sorry to see that Marie has passed. She was such a wonderful kind nurse and a friend also . Prayers to the family on such a a great loss 🙏

Ginny Lantz - November 27, 2025 at 12:23 PM