



## Ms Patricia Sophia Michalak

March 22, 1954 - April 21, 2026

Patricia Sophia Michalak, born on March 22, 1954, in Hamtramck, Michigan, passed away on April 21, 2026, in Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania. She leaves behind her siblings, Karen Cummings, Keith Michalak, and Wayne Michalak.

A dedicated agriculture consultant with the USDA, Patricia held a Master's Degree and was deeply passionate about agricultural practices. Her expertise in agricultural animal husbandry was complemented by her love for organic gardening, evidenced by her authorship of three published books on the subject. Patricia's contributions to the field of agriculture were marked by her commitment to sustainable practices and her desire to educate others.

In addition to her professional pursuits, Patricia was an enthusiastic dog obedience and search and rescue trainer. She spent countless hours working with dogs, fostering a strong bond with them and contributing to their training and well-being. Beyond her work with animals, she had a deep appreciation for nature, often retreating to the Michaux Forest, where she found solace and inspiration. Patricia was also an avid photographer, capturing the beauty of her surroundings through her lens.

Patricia's legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew her. Her commitment to her work, her love for animals, and her appreciation for nature

were hallmarks of a life well-lived. She will be remembered fondly by her family and friends for her kindness, passion, and dedication to the greater good.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents: Vincent Michalak Jr. and Virginia Michalak.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to learn of Patricia's death. She worked with LocalNews1.org, helping to satisfy a lack of coverage in the Blue Ridge Summit area. I knew she had become inactive, but her death was a surprise to me. She was careful, accurate, thorough and a strong writer, just as you would expect. Sincere condolences to her family and friends.

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**Kate A McCarty** - April 29 at 05:54 PM

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It's funny how one's knowledge of people shifts as we get to know them better. She said she was from Michigan, but never mentioned Hamtramck. That was just a few miles away from where I grew up on the south side of Detroit. It had a major car plant, a lot of other businesses, and a lot of Polish immigrants in my time there. Met Pat at an early meeting of the Happel's Meadow Advisory Committee for Washington Township, Franklin County PA a year or so ago. She impressed everyone with her willingness to accept tasks and to reliably complete them. She initially addressed several areas associated with preparing documents for the Happel's Meadow Boardwalk project. Though she told me she was a technical writer, she never mentioned her passion for agriculture or that she had written many books on the subject. While she agreed to take a shot at writing for LocalNews1.org, Happel's Meadow eventually had her building out their new website and preparing promotional material for a coming fund raising effort to fund improvements. She was a very good lady, willing to do anything asked of her and other things as she came to know what was needed. Did great work at the Meadow and LN1, and always surpassed expectations. We and others are going to miss her in every capacity she filled.

*Dan DeDona*

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