



Natalie Leonard

June 13, 1946 - June 26, 2026

Natalie “Nat” Leonard, age 80, passed away on June 26, 2026. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Eileen Leonard; her cherished wife, Virginia “Ginny” Chrispen; and her sister, Elizabeth North. She is lovingly remembered by her siblings, Eileen “Rusty” Koehler (Don) and Lawrence “Lenny” Leonard (Peggy), as well as her extended family, including her many nieces and nephews who held a special place in her heart.

Nat was born on June 13, 1946, in Plainfield, New Jersey and lived a life defined by compassion, service, and humility. She dedicated her life to caring for others, personally and professionally. Nat was a devoted nurse where she spent over 50 years providing care, comfort, and compassion to countless patients while also serving as a trustworthy mentor and guide to her peers. This calling extended into her personal life where she selflessly tended to her mother, sister, and wife during time of illness. Nursing was not just Nat’s profession – it was her gift and her purpose.

Nat was a longtime resident of Shelby Township where she shared a beautiful life with her wife, Ginny. Together they built lasting friendships with neighbors whose support, kindness, and companionship meant so much to them over the years. They especially treasured time spent in Caseville, Michigan, Nat’s favorite place to relax, recharge, and create cherished memories with Ginny.

Nat was rarely without her faithful dog, Riley, who was always by her side. Their companionship was a source of comfort and unwavering loyalty, bringing warmth and joy to her everyday life.

Natalie Leonard was a humble woman of compassion. She will be remembered for her kind heart, her steadfast service to others, and the love she gave so freely.

A private memorial to celebrate Natalie will follow later this summer.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Natalie's name to the Michigan Humane Society.

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