



# Patricia U. Ellerman

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**P**atricia “Pat” Jane Ulsh Ellerman of Bridgeville, DE lost her battle with Alzheimer’s disease on Sunday, May 8, 2016, but won a glorious entrance into Heaven where she was reunited with her husband and favorite card playing partner, Ray Ellerman.

Pat was born on March 6, 1928 in Juniata County, PA, daughter of the late Alma and Ray Ulsh. She attended Newport High School where she was captain of the varsity basketball team and played 1st chair violin in the school orchestra. In 1947, Pat married the love of her life, Donald “Ray” Ellerman. They celebrated 56 years of marriage until his death in 2004.

In the early years of marriage, Ray was a harness horse trainer and driver and Pat would help in the stables and paddock. After moving to Bridgeville, Pat became employed in the Recorder of Deeds Office in Georgetown and later worked at Family Court in Georgetown. Wanting to own her own business, she opened an exercise salon (Shape Ahoy) in Seaford until they sold it and bought the Bridgeville Tastee Freeze. Later Pat worked in Legislative Hall in Dover when the Legislators were in session, until her retirement.

Together Pat and Ray had two daughters: Sharon Rae Dukes and her husband, Wayne and Karen Lee Parker and her husband, Eddy; eight grandchildren: Deric Parker and his wife, Carla; Dionne Keeler and her husband, Chris; Dana Parker; and Dustin Parker and his wife, Rachel, all of Bridgeville, DE; Robyn Sturgeon and her husband, Mike; TJ Dukes and his wife, Rachel, both of Seaford, DE; Heather Stokley and her husband, Chris; Krista Schirmer and her husband, Morgan, both of Georgetown, DE and 17 great-grandchildren. Love for her family was evident in everything Pat did.

Pat is also survived by three sisters, Gloria Rolston of Harrisburg PA, Jean Amstutz and her husband, Fred, of Sun City Center, FL and Sandra Guidon of Carlisle, PA.



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Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 1:00 PM, at Union United Methodist Church, 2 N. Laws Street, Bridgeville, DE 19933, where friends may visit beginning at 11:30 AM. Burial will follow the services at Bridgeville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Pat's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, DE Valley chapter, P.O. Box 625, Georgetown, DE 19947.

Please sign the guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 3:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, BRIDGEVILLE, DE.



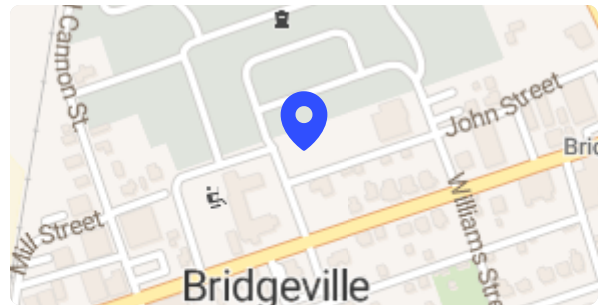
# Events

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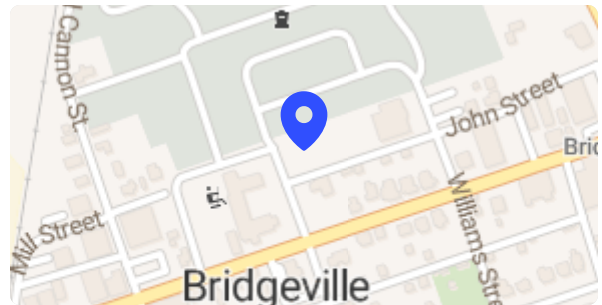
## Viewing

- Thursday**, May 12, 2016
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM ET
- Union Methodist Church**  
2 N. Laws Street, Bridgeville DE



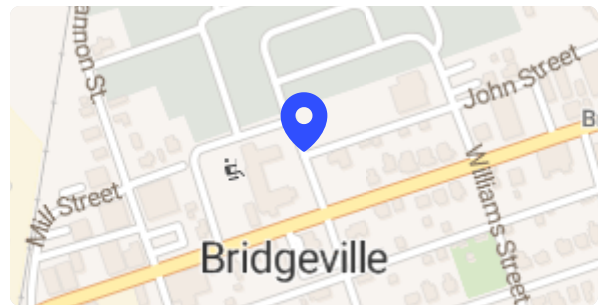
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## Cemetery Details

- Bridgeville Cemetery**  
North Laws Street, Bridgeville DE





# Tribute Wall

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**Judi Melvin Howard** posted:

Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

May 15 at 3:05 PM



**Isabel Rifenburg** posted:

My sympathies to Karen and Sharon's families. Pat was a wonderful person and she will be missed by all.Isabel

May 11 at 8:37 AM



**Vicki Short** lit a candle in honor of Patricia.

My sincerest condolences to Karen, Sharon and family. I loved your Mom. She was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever met. Bob's grandmother loved her too. Carilee worked up to Legislative Hall with her. She always spoke fondly of her to us. She will be missed but now she's with your daddy no longer in pain. Love to you all.Bob and Vicki Short



May 11 at 8:14 AM



**Gary Maddox** May 11 at 9:46 PM

Hey Karen sorry for your loss . May God bless you and your family . I will be praying for you. Miss texting you.



**Rita Bowman** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts & prayers.Sincerely,Rita Bowman

May 11 at 7:20 AM



**Norene Oswald** posted:

I am so sorry to hear about pat's passing. She struggled a long time and in the early days would laugh about not being sure which way to turn when she headed home from working up in Dover. I knew Pat for a lot of years with the Shanty Shakers. My husband Ozzie also died from Alzheimers but the duration was a much shorter time period. He has already been gone for 5 yrs. So blessings to her family for the care and love you gave her for all these years. She was a sweetheart.Norene Oswald

May 10 at 6:55 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Secret Garden Basket to the Ellerman family.



May 10 at 6:38 PM



**Barbara Sellars Dunbar** posted:

Sharon and Karren, Mother's always hold a special place in our lives. May each day that you each reflect back on her life, you think and remember them with love and laughter.

May 10 at 5:36 PM



**Golda Williamson** lit a candle in honor of Patricia.

Sharon and Karen, So sorry to hear that you had lost your mother. I did not know her but know what it is like to loose a mom. Mother's Day will never be the same for you but you will always have special memories. You and your families are in my prayers for comfort and peach of mind. Golda Williamson



May 10 at 4:32 PM



**Larry Willey** posted:

Pat was such a nice lady. When I think of her and Ray the main thing I remember is how devoted they were to each other. They were a team and I always admired their dedication to each other. She is now in a better place and teaming up with Ray again. God bless you Pat.

May 10 at 3:54 PM



**Nancy Mckinney Cramer** posted:

Sharon and Karen, I was so very saddened to hear that your mama had passed. May I offer my sincerest sympathies to you both and the heartfelt pain you both are going through. She's with our Lord now so she is so happy and at peace. Love, Nancy McKinney Cramer

May 10 at 3:44 PM



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**Rosalie Mitchell** posted:

We ask you our Adonai to send forth laborersWe ask you our Adonai to send forth laborers

May 10 at 2:49 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Ellerman family.



May 10 at 1:08 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Patricia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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