



Patricia Coleman Gehron

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Patricia Coleman Gehron, 91, died peacefully at home at The Moorings in Lewes, DE surrounded by her loving family on March 6th. Pat was born in New York City, the daughter of Frank J. Coleman, a Federal Judge for the Southern District of New York and Marjorie Sands Coleman, Chief Librarian for the Federal Courts.

Pat lived her early years in Larchmont, New York and attended Marymount College in Tarrytown, N.Y. She left in her senior year in 1950 to marry her husband, William J. Gehron, who was recalled in the Korean War after service in World War II. Pat subsequently received her BA degree through courses taken at American University in Washington, D.C. while living in Alexandria, VA in 1973. After the Korean War, Pat resided with her husband in White Plains, N.Y. before moving to Alexandria, VA in 1957 where she and her husband spent the next 50 years, before moving to Lewes, DE in 2007. She moved with her husband to Geneva, Switzerland twice during international disarmament talks there. On her return, Pat became active in the English as a Second Language program and tutored numerous students new to the United States. Pat was married to her husband, Bill, for almost 70 years before his death in May 2020. Pat was an avid tennis player and an enthusiastic reader, but she will be remembered for her tremendous wit and humor which were very much in evidence right up to the end.

Pat is survived by her sons: William Coleman Gehron of Lewes, DE and Michael McDermott Gehron (Nancy) of Falls Church, VA; her daughter, Anne Pyne Holloway (Rex) of Alexandria, VA; her grandchildren, to whom she was a wonderful Nana: Katherine and Luke Gehron and Rebecca and Sarah Holloway; and her great-grandchildren, to whom she was "Great-Nana".

A celebration of Pat's life will be held at a later date.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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AC

Amy Cross posted:

Pat was such a good friend to my parents. I always loved being in her company - whether for book club, cocktails or whatever. Someone else noted her laughter was powerfully charming. Eason and Diana had such great adventures with your parents. Canada, biking, etc. This note is very disjointed but I just want to tell you how much I loved both your parents happy that our family got to spend time with them

April 11 at 11:50 AM

CR

Crissy Reilly posted:

We are saddened to learn of the passing of your Mother, Patricia Coleman Gehron. We still use the waffle iron your parents gave us 32 years ago, on Sunday mornings. May you all find some comfort in knowing she rests in the peace of Christ's sleep. Love, Petey, Crissy, Brendan, Bridget And Conor Reilly.

March 16 at 12:00 PM

CR

Crissy Reilly lit a candle in honor of Patricia.



March 16 at 11:51 AM

WD

Wendy Ducharme posted:

I knew Mrs. Gehron primarily when I was a child. Her cat would come across the street to hang out with me and I would go across the street to hang out with her daughter. Mrs. Gehron was often in her tennis whites and laughing her wonderful, robust laugh. After we moved away, I did not see her again until I was a young adult. She was still playing tennis and laughing a lot, but I now had a deeper appreciation of just how cool she was. She was funny, gracious, down-to-earth and would tell wonderful stories (and make the best cocktails). Although I have not seen her for a long time, her spirit is still vivid in my memories.-- Wendy Widner Ducharme

March 15 at 4:27 AM



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Joan Widner posted:

We had just moved into our house in Alexandria. It was a beautiful, warm day during a February thaw when I looked across the street and there was Pat sitting on the front step reading a book in the sun. The front door was open and one could just see the vacuum cleaner standing there, forgotten. There was a woman I had to meet. And so began many, many years of treasured friendship with Pat and all the Gehron family. We know how much you will miss her, as we will, too. Joan, Ralph and Jennifer

March 13 at 4:27 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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