



Patricia "Pat" Norton

March 17, 1928 - July 26, 2020

Our loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, and friend peacefully made her way to heaven early Sunday morning surrounded by her five children praying for her journey home. At the Hail Mary's call of "Amen", our loved and cherished matriarch breathed her last breath and peacefully joined her village above.

She is predeceased by her husband, Alfred "Bud" Norton and survived by her five children, Joe, Steve (Sandy), Bob (Barbara), Michael (Leslie), Amy (Rhonda), her adoring grandchildren, Toby, Kim, Tucker, Mike, Wyatt, Allie, Zach, Lindsay and Liam and her great grandchildren, Michaela and Charlotte. She loved, too, all of her nieces, nephews, and their children as though they were her own.

Pat was gifted with a strong faith and a belief in the power of love, qualities that enabled her to survive raising five children. As our loving matriarch, she taught us all how to love each other, how to forgive each other, how to accept each other and how to overcome the inevitable difficulties of life and have fun doing it.

And she did not limit her love for just family but accepted any and all into her loving embrace. Her favorite refrain when talking about her people was "God bless that dear, dear (loved one)". Her legacy resounds with her colorful sense of humor and ability to laugh unabashedly out loud. She was authentic and a true character in her own right... a real pleasure to be around. Her kindness, compassion and giving spirit allowed all that came in contact with her to feel welcomed and cared about.

She loved being in her home on Lewes Beach for her final days under the loving care of her daughter and sons and regular visits of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. We have been so blessed to call our Patsy "mom" and will keep her spirit alive in all of our future endeavors. Please join us in celebrating her life by sending any donations to Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park - PO Box 132 - Nassau, DE 19969 or Family Promise (an organization helping the homeless) c/o Westminster Presbyterian Church 10 W. Pleasant Grove Road West Chester, PA 19382.

We will be announcing plans for a memorial service in due course.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pat" Norton.



August 05 at 06:00 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pat" Norton.



August 04 at 03:20 PM



“ It was truly a pleasure and a blessing to know Aunt Pat". She always made me feel so welcome when I was in Lewes. I have nothing but happy memories of her and am sure she is in God's external light and peace now.

Margie Varani - July 31 at 08:23 PM



“ Dear Michael and Leslie,
We are so very sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. Your Mom was a beautiful and loving person and she will be deeply missed.
Sending our prayers to you and your family.
Love,
Mike and Carol Gillespie

Carol Gillespie - July 31 at 12:36 PM



“ Dear Joe,
So sorry for the loss of your mom. May your memories be a constant comfort as you grieve. Sincere condolences to you and your entire family.
May you feel God's healing hand we pray.

With love,
Philip and Susan

Phil Susan Bramhall - July 31 at 08:02 AM



“ I recently met Pat when she moved into the Westchester area and decided to join the church that her son, Joe, introduced her to. I happened to be at the Saturday workshop that she attended in order to learn more about the church . She made her decision to join. It was a blessing to witness her willingness to join a new church. I was so impressed and her actions spoke louder than her words for sure. Such a blessing to her family and she lives on through them. I am blessed to have spent the day in the newcomers class at church with her. I am sure she is at peace.
Gail

Gail Tanzola-Seymour - July 30 at 05:09 PM



“ I always had joyful conversations with Pat . She truly expressed interest in my life . I so appreciate that because she had so many peoples life details to remember . A special lady .

Stacie S scott - July 30 at 05:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pat" Norton.



July 30 at 01:06 PM



“ The first time I met Pat was at her 90th birthday and she hugged me like she had known me forever. I fell in love with her right then! I got to spend more time with her, the last being the Super Bowl where she proudly wore a Chiefs sweatshirt and cheered the team onto victory. I will miss her engaging smile and fantastic spirit but her memory will live in my heart forever.

Sue Crouser - July 30 at 12:22 PM



“ Thanks so much, Sue. To meet mom once was to love her. We will all miss her greatly.

Bob - July 30 at 12:43 PM



“ I had so many wonderful conversations with "Aunt Pat" over the years for which I am very grateful. Frank and I truly enjoyed our interactions with her and send our love to you-- another Irish American Wonder Woman moves to the next level...They just don't make 'em like Pat anymore. We will continue to hear that laugh and see her smile! Thanks for sharing your mother with us.

Frank & Sharon

Sharon Baker - July 30 at 01:00 PM



“ We met Pat when our daughter Tara and Joe were dating. After their divorce, Pat continued to treat us as family. Liam is our grandson too but I've never before witnessed such a great bond of love between grandmother and grandson that was in evidence with Pat and Liam. It is certainly one of life's most cherished memories to have known Pat Norton.

Shirley & Don Griesbaum

Shirley J Griesbaum - July 30 at 07:05 PM



“ Amy and family, we are so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. I didn't know her personally, but I know her beauty and love shines on in Amy. Sending lots of love. Roseann and Dave Schaaf.

Roseann Schaaf - August 02 at 10:20 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to you and your family Amy.
Sending (((hugs))) Katherine DeClerico

Katherine DeClerico - August 03 at 07:05 PM