



## Patricia C. Shipe

January 23, 1945 - July 14, 2020

Patricia Carroll (Dorsey) Shipe, age 75 of Lewes, DE passed away on Wednesday, July 14, 2020 at her home. She was born on January 23, 1945 (01/23/45 - she loved the numeric value in her birthday) in Wilmington, DE, daughter of the late Lewis G., II and Mary F. Dorsey.

Pat attended Christ Our King Elementary School and Padua Academy. After training and working as an x-ray technician, she married Robert W. Shipe had three children, and moved to Lewes in 1972. They later divorced. Before her illness, Pat worked for Community Legal Aid Society for 31 years. She retired as a Senior Paralegal with the Disabilities Law Program in 2014. Pat was a strong advocate for people with disabilities and their families, since she knew their many challenges after her son Michael was born. Christopher White, the former Executive Director of Legal Aid, often called Pat “warm, kind and engaging.” Pat met her present spouse, Kathy C. Edwards, in 1994. They performed their own marriage in 1995, since they had no other legal options open to them. When laws changed, Pat and Kathy had a public marriage ceremony at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Lewes, DE in 2012.

Pat is survived by her beloved spouse, Kathy C. Edwards of Lewes, DE and their adopted son and apple of her eye, Joey M. Shipe; her son, Michael Lewis Shipe of Lewes; her daughter, Kristen Leigh Brooks (David) of Middletown, DE; Joey's favorite cousin and Pat's granddaughter, Delaney Leigh Brooks of Middletown, DE; her step-daughter, Gerry Lynn Edwards of Germantown, MD; her brother, Lewis G. Dorsey, III (Pauline) of Wilmington, DE; her sister, Margaret DeGennaro of Ocala, FL; her several cousins, nieces and nephews; and many friends whom Pat considered family.

Services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes, DE.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Pat's memory to Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI), 100 West 10th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

Please sign Pat's online guestbook located on this site.

# Comments

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“ Just heard about the passing of Pat. She was a vibrant, compassionate person. My condolences to her family, Kathy, Joey, Michael, Suzy and Kristian, may the spirit and love of Pat comfort you.

**Vickie Hoover** - December 09, 2020 at 12:46 PM

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“ I am Carol Forensky Bremm. I was Pats first cousin. Growing up I would spend time down at her house. I always felt that if I needed to talk to someone I could go to her. Pat and I were 16 year apart in age. She was a very special lady. I still can picture Pat on the beach watching Susie, Christen, and Mike playing in the sand. Kathy I am so for your loss. She was a very special lady.

**Carol Forensky Bremm** - September 09, 2020 at 03:14 AM

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“ Carol Forensky Bremm lit a candle in memory of Patricia C. Shipe



**Carol Forensky Bremm** - September 09, 2020 at 02:39 AM

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“ I worked with Pat during her entire 31-year career with the Community Legal Aid Society. She was a very caring advocate who displayed genuine empathy for folks seeking assistance. She was always willing to spend extra time in interviews to ensure that individuals understood their rights and legal options. I considered her a long-term friend whose memory will never fade.

- Brian J. Hartman

**Brian Hartman** - July 22, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ Thank you...she felt the same way about you!

**Kathy C Edwards** - July 31, 2020 at 12:30 PM

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“ The world has lost an Angel on earth. My deepest condolences to Kathy, Joey, Kristen, Michael, Susy and family and friends. I am grateful for the years living across the street from each other, raising our kids, weathering hurricanes and managing our various pets. Pat was an invaluable advocate for all people (PEOPLE FIRST!) with intellectual and/or physical disabilities. She was patient, persevering and a problem solver. She always found the humor in situations (no matter how difficult) and let love guide her life. I am fortunate to have known her at work and at home. May the love she shared bless and continue to guide those she loves.

**Christine Long** - July 17, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ Thank you Chris!

**Kathy Edwards** - July 18, 2020 at 09:20 PM

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“ Please accept the correction and chagrin at misidentifying Pat. My thoughts are in every way are from my heart.

**judy cousins** - July 15, 2020 at 01:32 PM

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“ Dear Kathy and Joey, I'm thinking of you and holding you in prayer. I always enjoyed seeing Pat at church and was so happy to see Joey grow up into a wonderful young man, with the wonderful parenting he had from Pat and Kathy. Stay well and may God bless you! Cynthia Campbell and family

**Cynthia G Campbell** - July 15, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ Thank you!

**Kathy Edwards** - July 15, 2020 at 04:08 PM

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“ Pat was one of my first friends and a valued coworker when I first came to Lewes 30 plus years ago. I was happy to reconnect with her in recent years at St. Peter's where she was married. And I too am a huge fan of Joey. Rest In Peace, Pat, and rise in glory. See you on the other side.

**Peggy Naylor** - July 15, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ Thank you!

**Kathy Edwards** - July 15, 2020 at 04:08 PM

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“ Judith A Celli lit a candle in memory of Patricia C. Shipe



**Judith A Celli** - July 15, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ Kathy and Joey, You are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss of Pat. She will now be with you for eternity. Pat and you, Kathy have been wonderful parents to Joey. Pat will be with you in the wonderful memories that you shared.

**Judith A Celli** - July 15, 2020 at 10:01 AM

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“ Lisa Tusick lit a candle in memory of Patricia C. Shipe



**Lisa Tusick** - July 14, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ Thank you!

**Kathy Edwards** - July 15, 2020 at 04:09 PM

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“ Pat was a wonderful woman with a big heart. Joey and Kathy were the light of her life. She was warm, compassionate, and caring. Together, they created a close family for Joey and eventually adopted him, which he treasured. Her suffering is now over, and she is now an angel in heaven consoling her family with treasured memories. Gams, it was a pleasure and a privilege being a small part of your life. I will continue to be a part of Kathy and Joey's lives, as I love them dearly. Maya Angelou said it so well. In all the world there is no heart for me like yours, In all the world there is no love for you like mine. Kathy, yours was a wonderful love story. God Bless.

**Cherry Barranco** - July 14, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ Bub and I adored Pat. She was so lovely and had a wonderful sense of humor. She loved you and Joey with every part of her heart. And she was loved back, by all who knew her. Kathy, you were her angel on earth and now, she will watch over you until you join her in paradise. Much love to you and Joey.

**Rene Murphy** - July 14, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ Thank you!!

**Kathy C Edwards** - July 15, 2020 at 02:31 PM

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“ Tina Marine lit a candle in memory of Patricia C. Shipe



**Tina Marine** - July 14, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ Thank you!

**Kathy Edwards** - July 15, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Pat's passing. We were best friends in X-Ray training. I was a bridesmaid in her and Bob's wedding. Unfortunately, after she moved downstate, we didn't keep in touch, very often. We had many good times together. My condolences to her family and friends.  
Joan Rhyner

**Joan Rhyner** - July 19, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ Thank you Joan, Pat enjoyed the memory of you also!!

**Kathy Edwards** - July 20, 2020 at 09:21 AM