



Patricia Ann Higinbotham

September 22, 2024

Patricia Ann Higinbotham peacefully entered eternal rest on September 22, 2024, after a life well lived, filled with love, music, and faith. Born in 1938 to Hugo and Betsie Greisen in Oswego, New York, Pat was truly a blessing to all who knew her.

Her life reflected her deep faith, devotion to family, and boundless love for travel, music, and dancing. Whether singing with a choir or dancing with her beloved husband Dale, her spirit was always alive with joy. Pat's legacy of love, kindness, selflessness and generosity will continue to inspire those she leaves behind.

Patricia graduated from Manatee High School in 1956 before pursuing her passion for music at Florida State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in music and a few years later, a Master's degree from Appalachian State University. Her love for music blossomed into a career as a music teacher, where she crossed paths with her future husband, Dale Higinbotham. Always her biggest supporter, Dale often attended her vocal performances at local dance halls. Their shared love of dancing was the foundation of a beautiful relationship that spanned over 61 years—truly a match made in heaven.

In addition to her teaching career, Pat's musical talents shone brightly as a

soloist for a local dance band as well as both a choir leader and soloist in church, where her voice brought joy to many. In later years, she and Dale worked alongside each other at the Bradenton Shopping Guide while raising their two daughters, Delinda and Holly, creating a life filled with love, music, and family. Her beauty and talent continued to shine through even later in life as she won the title of Ms. Florida Senior Citizen in 1996.

Pat remained actively involved in her community throughout her life. She volunteered at her daughters' school lunch program, brought joy to nursing home residents through her singing, and extended compassion by feeding the homeless. Known for her kindness, Pat often prepared homemade meals for friends and neighbors facing challenging times, always offering a helping hand when it was needed most. As a dedicated member of the SAI music fraternity since 1960 where she was awarded both the Sword of Honor and the Rose of Honor, she fostered her lifelong passion for music and service. When she wasn't serving in the community, she loved taking long walks on the beach with her husband Dale or working out together at the fitness center.

Pat took immense pride in her daughters and her cherished grandchildren—Lauren, Ashley, Ally, Chase, and Dylan. She loved hearing about their adventures and achievements and was always eager to be part of their lives, celebrating every milestone she could.

Family time was precious to Pat. Many vacations were spent in the Carolinas, where they would hike scenic trails and visit her mother, Betsie Greisen. In later years, the family's adventures expanded to include cruises and a memorable 10-week motorhome journey across the West, exploring countless National Parks. Even as empty nesters, Pat and Dale continued their love for travel, cruising and motor homing to new destinations, hiking, and visiting friends and family along the way.

Patricia is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Dale, her devoted daughters, Delinda Crampton and Holly Pascarella, her five adoring grandchildren – Lauren Reed, Allison and Ashley Pascarella, Chase and Dylan Crampton, sons-in-law Mark Pascarella and Gray Crampton and grandson-in law Chandler Reed. Her parents, Hugo and Betsie Greisen, greeted her at the door to heaven, where she has now joined the Heavenly Choir and is dancing with Jesus.

A beacon of faith, kindness, and love, Patricia Higinbotham will remain forever in the hearts of those who knew her. In accordance with her final wishes, she will be laid to rest at LaFayette Memorial Park near Brownville, Pennsylvania.

A visitation will be held on Friday, September 27th, 6pm until 8pm, at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel, 40 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, September 28th, at 11am, at First Sarasota Baptist Church, 1661 Main St., Sarasota, FL 34236.

Donations can be made in her memory to Shriners Hospital or First Sarasota Baptist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **27**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel

40 N. Orange Avenue

Sarasota, FL 34236

(941) 955-4171

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<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

Celebration of Life

SEP **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Sarasota The Downtown Baptist Church

1661 Main Street

Sarasota, FL 34236

Tribute Wall

RV

“ Dale and Family,
our deepest sympathy for the passing of your beloved wife/mother.
Janet and I will cherish the memories of our friendship over these
many years.....the High School reunions back home and the mini
reunions here in Florida. Rest in peace Pat. Ralph and Janet
Verbanic

Ralph Verbanic - October 04, 2024 at 09:19 AM

RS

“ Randy Sexton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Ann Higinbotham.

Randy Sexton - September 26, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Higinbotham.



September 26, 2024 at 04:38 PM

CC

“ Carol Crampton purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Patricia Ann Higinbotham.



Carol Crampton - September 26, 2024 at 02:55 PM

MA

“ Our sincere condolences to the family, classmates, and friends of our Manatee County High School Class of 1956 Alumna.

*Manatee High School Alumni Association
manateehighalumni@gmail.com*

Manatee High Alumni Association - September 26, 2024 at 11:57 AM

LB

“ Love,Debbie and Gary Bales purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Patricia Ann Higinbotham.



Love,Debbie and Gary Bales - September 26, 2024 at 11:41 AM

JB

“ Joel and Heidi Barrett purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Patricia Ann Higinbotham.



Joel and Heidi Barrett - September 25, 2024 at 04:48 PM

BK

“ Gisela and I truly enjoyed our times with Dale & Pat. We enjoyed meals together in each other's home and really loved going out for Mexican food together. Pat will be missed but we will see her again.
Bob Kowaleski

bob kowaleski - September 25, 2024 at 11:02 AM

LW

“ Love, Paul & Kim Womack purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Patricia Ann Higinbotham.



Love, Paul & Kim Womack - September 25, 2024 at 08:50 AM

SS

“ Susan Shappee purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Patricia Ann Higinbotham.



Susan Shappee - September 25, 2024 at 01:30 AM

BF

“ Barb, Helmut, Jennifer, Greg and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patricia Ann Higinbotham.



Barb, Helmut, Jennifer, Greg and family - September 24, 2024 at 10:33 PM

BF

“ Barb, Helmut, Jennifer, Greg and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Ann Higinbotham.

Barb, Helmut, Jennifer, Greg and family - September 24, 2024 at 10:33 PM

JP

“ We were heartbroken to hear about Pat's sudden passing. She was truly a remarkable person who brought so much joy and warmth to everyone around her. Her kindness and infectious spirit will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Please know that our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Love

Jim, Maria, John Antonio and David Pascarella

Jim Pascarella - September 24, 2024 at 07:42 PM