



Patricia T. Ross

April 9, 2024

We are sad to announce the passing of Patricia T. Ross, of Sarasota, FL – formerly of Long Island, NY and Lancaster, PA. She died at age 94 on April 9, 2024. Pat, lovingly known as “Granny Pat,” passed away in Sarasota Memorial Hospital, after a long and happy life, with Melissa Jenkins, her granddaughter-in-law, at her side bringing her and her family much comfort and loving care.

Pat was born in Brooklyn, NY to Mary Alice and Joseph Kirkland Wicker and she had an older brother, Lawrence. Her husband of over fifty years, Arnold C. Ross, predeceased her in 2003. She is survived by her daughter, Lynne Ross and her husband, Bob; her son, Craig Ross, and his wife, Nancy; grandchildren Ross Jenkins and his wife, Melissa, R.J. Jenkins and his Partner, Todd Rudniansyn, Jessica Caine and her husband, Matt, and Justin Ross and his wife, Megan; and Tom and Lori Weaver. She is also survived by her great grandchildren: Ross Jr., Julianna and Owen Jenkins, Samuel Caine, and Harper Ross.

Pat – or Patsy as her mom always called her – was raised in Brooklyn NY, and enjoyed going fishing with her dad and spending time with friends at Coney Island. She loved the water. She spent many fun weekends at Lake Ronkonkoma with her mom’s family. Her life with Arnold started in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn and moved to North Babylon on Long Island a short two years later.

They spent many weekends going off on adventures before their children were born. They made a nice home on Long Island and were charter members of their church, Ascension Lutheran Church. Arnold's mom, Thelma, moved in with them after Arnold Sr. passed. While the children were young, Pat raised her children, was active at their schools as a volunteer, and spent countless hours doing different volunteer jobs at their church. She had a lovely life and dear friends, especially life-long friends, Aunt Mickey, Bella, and Betty. She worked as a sales manager at Macy's as the children got older and retired from there. She loved being a clown in the Macy's thanksgiving parade for several years and reminisced about the experience often.

She and Arnold retired to Lancaster, PA, where Craig and Nancy lived and she lived there until moving to Florida with Lynne and Bob several years ago. While in Lancaster, Pat spent many hours as a volunteer at her church, St. Peter's Lutheran Church. She ran the church library, set up and ran a pre-school reading program, was an active member of WELCA Women's group, was a member of the synodical call committee, and started a pediatric hospital reading program for English as a second language parents and children. She also worked at Lancaster General as a volunteer.

She loved dolphins, theater, and storytelling, and loved her family most of all. Her legacy of love, laughter, friendship, and volunteerism will keep her memory alive forever.

There will be a Celebration of Life honoring Pat at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34285 on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 at 11AM. It will also be livestreamed on Emmanuel's FB page.

Donations may be made to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Venice, FL or to St. Peters Lutheran Church, 10 Delp Road, Lancaster, PA 34285.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
790 S. Tamiami Trail
Venice, FL 34285

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Love, Marty and Arlie Johnson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Patricia T. Ross.



Love, Marty and Arlie Johnson - May 16, 2024 at 10:59 AM

MW

“ Mike and sheri walker purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Patricia T. Ross.



Mike and sheri walker - May 14, 2024 at 10:56 AM

MW

“ Mike and sheri walker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia T. Ross.

Mike and sheri walker - May 14, 2024 at 10:56 AM

SP

“ I only knew Pat for a short 9 months as a companion to her but she left me with memories that will last a lifetime. You would be just mesmerized at the stories she had to tell through her lifetime and at 94 she had an abundance of them. I will miss that and the beautiful laughter, she was a ray of sunshine! My condolences to Lynne and all the family..Shelia P

Shelia Pinkard - May 06, 2024 at 09:38 AM

JW

“ I have been blessed to know this beautiful lady since the day I was born! She was and will forever be my "Aunt Pat". I grew up across the street from her in North Babylon, NY and watched her and my mom be best friends for over 60 years. Even when my mom moved to NJ and Aunt Pat moved to PA their friendship endured. Together they taught me the true meaning of friendship. Aunt Pat was always there to share in my family's joys and my family's sorrows. During Junior High School she was the one who I ran to when I needed help in my sewing class. She was an excellent seamstress and I was definitely not. She was always so kind to take the time to, not only correct my mistakes, but took the time to explain them to me, especially when it came to plaid material and sleeves sewn into the wrong armholes!! I will cherish my MANY memories of her and I will never forget how important she was to me, most especially during my childhood. I smile when I think of her, my mom, my dad, and her beloved husband, Arnold, all reunited in Heaven. The angels are partying now!

JoAnna Wernlund - May 04, 2024 at 10:15 AM

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“ My favorite memory of Pat was her very special 90th birthday party. It didn't matter if it was a "Girls Night Out" or a get together to support the local food pantry, Pat was just "one of the girls"! She was loved by many and will be missed by all. Love & prayers to Pat & her beautiful family, Hazel O'Donnell

Hazel O'Donnell - May 03, 2024 at 12:32 PM