



Winifred Mary "Pat" Howse

May 10, 1928 - December 26, 2022

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of Pat Howse's passing. She died peacefully in her sleep Christmas night after having spent a week visiting with her children and grandchildren. Christmas day was a happy one spent with close family for a traditional brunch; a happy memory with plenty of photos taken.

She was born Winifred Mary Pattison on May 10, 1928 to Robert and Winifred Pattison. She was raised in Paoli, Pennsylvania with her three older brothers, Robert, Joseph, and Thomas. Pat's paternal grandfather was two-term Pennsylvania Governor Robert E. Pattison, Sr.

Pat was known by many other names throughout her life: Aunt Mary, Mom, Granny, and even Rusty for her red hair, but she started out as Mary. When little Mary entered first grade, there were four other girls with the same name in her class. At this point she decided she would be called Pat, short for Pattison.

As a self-declared "tom-boy," Pat could always be found tagging along with her brother, Joe, who taught her to swim and play baseball and football. In high school, she played many sports and was an avid roller-skater. Pat was also a life-time Girl Scout. Beginning at age 10, she attended Camp Tweedale every summer and later worked as a counselor there. She volunteered as a

Girl Scout troop leader after she was married.

In 1946, Pat graduated from Tredyffrin-Easttown (now Conestoga) High School and went on to study physical education at Ursinus College, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1950. Pat had many close friends throughout her life but was always closest to her college friends, especially her roommates. She made yearly trips to the Jersey Shore with them until they were in their nineties.

Pat met her future husband, Phil, on a blind date while still in high school. After Phil joined the army near the end of World War II, they continued to correspond while he was stationed in Germany. They married on March 17, 1951, started a family, and had a loving partnership until Phil's passing in 2019.

In addition to raising three boys, Pat taught Physical Education at Kimberton Farms School and coached girls field hockey, basketball and lacrosse. She was an avid golfer and, together with Phil, played many rounds at their beloved Aronomink Golf Club as well as around the world on many of their frequent trips abroad. She was even crowned the Aronomink Women's Golf Champion one year!

Phil and Pat actively participated in the church life at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Phoenixville, hosting many church picnics at their home surrounded by Pat's extensive gardens, a koi pond, and a backyard pool where Pat taught swimming lessons. Even up to 2022, Pat taught swimming at the Shannondell pool helping her minister overcome his hesitancy in the water. Her specialty was beginners and adults who had never learned to swim.

An active volunteer throughout her life, Pat was a docent at the Diamond Rock (Octagonal) School House on Diamond Rock Mountain. She could also

be found at the Phoenixville Hospital's Thrift Store or teaching Special Needs groups the art of flower arranging.

While an avid reader, seamstress, and cook, gardening and traveling were her true passions. She inherited a love of gardening from her mother and followed in her mother's footsteps by becoming an active member of the Twin Valley Garden Club. She worked hard on her own gardens at their house on Kleyona Avenue which was featured on Garden Club tours. When Pat moved to Shannondell, in addition to having several plots in Shannondell's Community Garden, Pat expanded the landscape in front of their apartment and created a beautiful garden oasis which many butterflies and hummingbirds, as well as people, greatly appreciated.

Pat's many travels brought her to six out of the seven continents. She never did make it to Antarctica although she got pretty close when visiting Tierra del Fuego in her 80s. Since Pat's enthusiasm for travel surpassed Phil's, who preferred small cruises, she relied on her girlfriends' company for the more adventurous trips. For example, after her 80th birthday she and a friend took a trip to India where she rode on an elephant while looking for tigers in the jungle. She alone took individual grandchildren on a "grandkid" adventure: to Hawaii, down the Colorado River, to San Diego, and to Brazil to go down the Amazon River.

Of all of the places to which Pat traveled, Barbados was her favorite home away from home. She and Phil went for their 25th wedding anniversary and kept returning for forty consecutive years to the same spot - Payne's Bay. They were seen as members of the community there and of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church where they befriended many Bajans whom Pat held dear in her heart. In 2018, at the age of 90, Pat and Phil made what was to be their last trip to Barbados to see their Bajan friends.

Friends and family were Pat's most valuable treasures. She is survived by her three sons: Chase (wife Becky, son Sam and daughter Phoebe), Tom (son Ben and daughter Leah) and Daniel (wife Chris, daughter Sydney and son Jake), many nieces, nephews, as well as grand nieces and nephews.

Our family is most grateful for the friends who looked out for Pat while she lived at Shannondell these past 11 years. Her family will host a small private memorial service there for Shannondell friends and close family on January 7th at 11:00 in the card room of the Ashcroft Clubhouse.

Relatives and friends are all invited to attend the celebration of her life at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 121 Church Street, Phoenixville, on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 11:00 am. Friends and family will be received from 10:00 am - 11:00 am at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for contributions to St. Peter's Episcopal Church Capital Campaign, 121 Church Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460, <http://saintpeterschurch.net/donate-to-st-peter-s/> or the Phoenixville Library, 183 2nd Avenue, Phoenixville, PA 19460 <https://phoenixvillelibrary.org/donate-online/>

Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Phoenixville Crematory, Inc.

610 S. Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
121 Church Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Houston Parks Board team purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Winifred Mary "Pat" Howse.*

The Houston Parks Board team - March 14, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ *Aunt Mary loved my dad. He was her older brother and loved her back. He taught her to swim and she taught so so many others. I'll always remember her wedding with Uncle Phil. I have a treasured picture of her and my cousin Rob and I sitting on one of the beds upstairs ...Aunt Mary with her wedding dress on! She always seemed happy. She loved loved her boys and her pups. She was fun...loved our emails in her later years which she'd sign AM. I'll miss you, Aunt Mary! Sally*

Sally J Pattison-Cisna - February 25, 2023 at 08:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Winifred Mary "Pat" Howse.*



January 10, 2023 at 07:50 AM

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“ Dear Chase & Family,

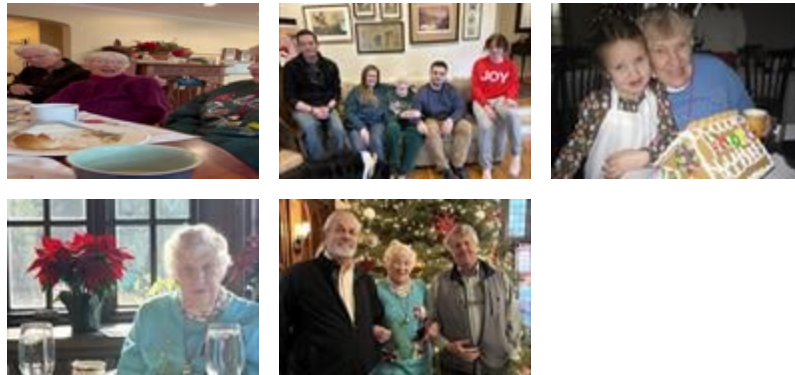
I am sorry for your loss. Winifred seems to be a wonderful woman and another well-lived, long life. My condolences to you and your family. Her memory and spirit will live on with you.

Peter Nicholson

P J Nicholson - January 01, 2023 at 09:47 PM

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“ Here are some photos from this Christmas and one from about 14 years ago of Pat's youngest granddaughter, Phoebe, and her dear Granny at their annual gingerbread decorating event. Phoebe really resembles her Granny!



Becky Horner Howse - December 31, 2022 at 09:49 PM

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“ Aunt Pat, as I knew her, was a integral part of childhood as she was friends with my Mom and Dad, Jim and Janice Casselberry. I spent many days in her home learning to arrange flowers, bake, and of course, she taught me to swim. So many fond memories!



Sending you all thoughts are prayers in this sad time, though she and her husband lived full and blessed lives.

Jennifer Casselberry Kluge

Jen - December 31, 2022 at 03:55 PM

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“ Sorry I never met this fine lady. But to me, God is giving her a little rest, in Heaven. My late wife & I were at Shannondell for rehab, after surgery. My sincere Christian sympathy to all family and friends. Edwin Mauger.

Edwin A. Mauger - December 30, 2022 at 04:15 PM

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To Pat's family. So sorry for your loss. I knew her as your Mom when you all went to Schuylkill School and then later became close friends as we worked with Questers. She, Edie Ashenfelter and I had a great friendship and we shared plants from our gardens. Always enjoyed her company. Will miss her.

Sandra Momyer - January 06, 2023 at 12:23 PM

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As a long time member of St. Peter's Church, my family attended many of the functions hosted by Pat and Phil, summer picnics, church committee meetings and the like. She was such a considerate, generous person and supported St. Peter's in a wide variety of activities. We enjoyed beautiful gardens and plantings at the church many years due to Pat's efforts and she wholeheartedly supported the church in every way possible . My greatest memory though is the impact she had on me as a person. I so admired the living example of her generosity, kindness and humility, a person who treated everyone around her with respect and dignity. I felt like I was just priviledged to watch her and learn how to live the best life. I admired her very much and will dearly miss her company, Gary Russell

gary w russell - March 14, 2023 at 01:25 PM