



Patricia E. Gingrich

May 6, 1939 - June 6, 2020

Patricia E. "Pat" Drace Gingrich, 81, of Mount Joy, passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2020, at her home in Mount Joy. Born in Stauffertown, PA, she was the daughter of the late Charles S. and Esther A. (Dell) Drace. Pat was the wife of the late Ohmer F. "Pete" Gingrich, Jr., who passed away on October 9, 1999. They had been married 40 years.

Pat and Pete were charter members of Hempfield United Methodist Church. In recent years, she was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Mount Joy.

Pat graduated from Donegal High School in the class of 1957. She was a majorette, a cheerleader, and was selected to the May Queen Court. She retired from Armstrong World Industries in 2010 after 42 years of service. She was a 22-year member of ABWA, serving as vice-president, secretary, hospitality chairman, business associate co-chairman, and scholarship dance co-chairman. In 1994-95 she was honored as Woman of the Year for the Conestoga Chapter of ABWA. From 2014 to 2017 she worked part-time at Hershey Conewago Campgrounds. In the past, Pat volunteered at the Mount Joy Food Bank and the Lancaster Library.

A highlight of Pat's life was spending time with her friends and family. She considered it a joy and an honor to support and encourage them, attending countless social events, ball games, concerts, dramatic performances, and graduation ceremonies throughout the years. In recent years, she treasured the opportunity to live next to her life-long friend and loved being part of a tight-knit community.

Pat greatly enjoyed traveling, and took a much-anticipated trip to Ireland in 2019 to celebrate her 80th birthday. She and Pete loved visiting new places and meeting new people, having visited Alaska, Germany, and Switzerland, and developed a long-lasting friendship with a family in Holland. She had gathered an extensive teddy bear collection and donated most of it to the relief efforts following Hurricane Katrina.

Pat is survived by her two daughters, Judy Hazeley, of York, wife of William, and Linda

Lohr, of Lititz, wife of Brian; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Peggy I. Benedict, of Elizabethtown. She was preceded in death by her brothers Charles D. Drace and H. Eugene Drace.

A graveside service honoring Pat's life will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2020, in the Silver Spring Cemetery, 3611 Marietta Ave., Silver Spring, PA. Please join family and friends for visitation by the graveside starting at 1:00, with the service immediately following at 2:00. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute (2102 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601), and Hospice & Community Care (685 Good Drive, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604).

Comments



“ Dear Linda, you and your family are in my prayers and thoughts during this difficult time. May the Lord be your strength and your rock, as you remember the good times, and mourn the loss of "mom". Blessings, B-Ker.

Brian Kerstetter - July 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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July 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I have fond memories of your mother. Sending my condolences to all your families.

Dianne (Ritzman) Keller - June 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sincere sympathy and thoughts to your families. Remembering your mom with always a wave, a smile and we can't forget her laughter. Your old neighbors---Mike and Mary Anne Vogt

Mike and Mary Anne Vogt - June 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Judy and Linda so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Dan and I would see her at the Mount Joy Diner at times. Dan and I send our condolences.

Dan and Sue(Ritzman) Smith - June 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the privilege and pleasure of working with Pat in the billing department at Armstrong. She was one of the kindest and most caring people I have ever met. I know her family was so important to her as she would talk about them all the time. She so loved being a Grandma and I am certain she loved being a Great Grandma! She also was kind enough to volunteer her daughter, Judy, to watch my baby boy when I had to go back to work. I was so thankful to have the daughter of someone that I trusted to watch my child. I really didn't stay in touch, except by Facebook, when I quit working at Armstrong. I did get to see some posts of Pat with her family and would comment how fantastic she looked and to hope life was treating her well. I know she will be sorely missed by her family and friends and certainly I am saddened that the world lost such an extraordinary person. No one is really lost to us if we hold them in our memories. My thoughts and prayers are with all her loved ones.

Kathy Brooks and family - June 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I send my deepest sympathy to Pat's family. I had the privilege of knowing her for awhile a few years ago. We had some good times together. I was impressed how pleasant - and energetic - she was. I know you will miss her.

Joanne - June 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear family, We send our condolences on the loss of Pat. She was invaluable as a classmate and on our reunion planning committee. Her friendship and caring ways will be fondly remembered.

Jim and Judy Shank, Donegal '57 - June 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sincere sympathy to all of you. We cherish the friendship we had with both your parents. Pat's positive, energetic personality will be remembered by everyone who knew her! Our prayers are with you. Al & Elaine Baum

Elaine Baum - June 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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June 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ The Legend of "Golden Grams". Early on in My relationship with Pat's oldest Granddaughter Jen, I decided to send Pat some flowers for her upcoming Birthday. While at the florist I was asked what name was to be put on the card for the flowers? At the time Jen and I had only been dating for a short while and I had either forgotten or more than likely not actually ever known Pats real name. Only ever referencing her Previously as Jen's Grandmother. Looking like a deer in headlights I froze thinking how silly "To: Jen's Grandmother" would sound on a card. Instead I told the florist to write "To: Golden Grams". Pat's appreciation of the flowers was nothing compared to her excitement towards her knew term of endearment. The name ended up being commonly used by 3 generations of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren as a sign of respectful reverence to an exceptional Matriarch of a truly amazing family.

Brandon Goodworth - June 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM