



Patricia M. Murphy

May 16, 1935 - March 16, 2017

- Retired teacher and active community volunteer

Native Staten Islander Patricia M. Murphy (nee McGuire) died peacefully at home, after a brief illness, on March 16, 2017. She will be remembered as a devoted mother and grandmother and dear friend and teacher to many.

Born and raised in Dongan Hills, Pat attended St. Sylvester's grammar school, New Dorp High School and Notre Dame College (now St. John's Staten Island). She received her Master's Degree in Secondary Education from Wagner College. After graduating from college, Pat began working at the St. George library, where she met the love of her life, Patrick J. Murphy. Their marriage in 1957 began a strong and loving partnership devoted to family and community service. Patrick, who died in 2003, began his career as a NYPD officer, rising through the ranks to Chief of Department and First Deputy Commissioner. Their children followed their father into the NYPD-Patrick, a retired ESU Sergeant passed away in 2014 from injuries sustained as a 2001 line of duty first responder; Annemarie is a NYPD Detective, currently in the Richmond County District Attorney Squad.

Pat was a high school teacher for many years at both New Dorp High School and St. Joseph Hill Academy. She was deeply involved in a number of community and public service activities, particularly those helping children.

One of her most cherished organizations was Mount Loretto, where her late husband and his brothers resided for many years. Pat volunteered countless hours to further the mission of Mount Loretto. She was also a long time member of the Board of St. Joseph Hill and was very active in her parish, St. Clare's, serving as a Eucharist Minister and member of the Parish Council. Pat's excellence as a teacher was recognized locally and nationally. In 1985, President Ronald Regan awarded her the Presidential Scholars Award. In 1986, the American Legion awarded her their Outstanding Educator Award.

Pat loved to travel and was an avid reader of history. She was a prolific and talented writer, whose letters offered congratulations, condolences and encouragement to many. "My Mom was a wonderful combination of grace, strength and kindness. My family and I are so grateful for her life and are comforted by our belief that she is now with my Dad and brother", said her daughter, Annemarie.

Pat is survived by her sister, Dolores Gloeckl, her daughter, Annemarie, her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, and her three beloved grandchildren, Bridget, Patrick and John.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 9:45 a.m. on Monday at St. Clare Church, located at located at 110 Nelson Ave., S.I. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. on Sunday at The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)
Staten Island, NY 10312

Visitation

MAR 19. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)
Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

MAR 20. 9:45 AM (ET)

St. Clare Church
110 Nelson Ave
Staten Island, NY 10308

Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia M. Murphy*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - March 17, 2017 at 04:56 PM

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annemarie murphy - March 17, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ *Patricia M. Murphy*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Patricia M. Murphy.*



March 18, 2017 at 09:56 AM

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“ From The Brennan Family Ireland purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Patricia M. Murphy.



From The Brennan Family Ireland - March 18, 2017 at 07:16 AM

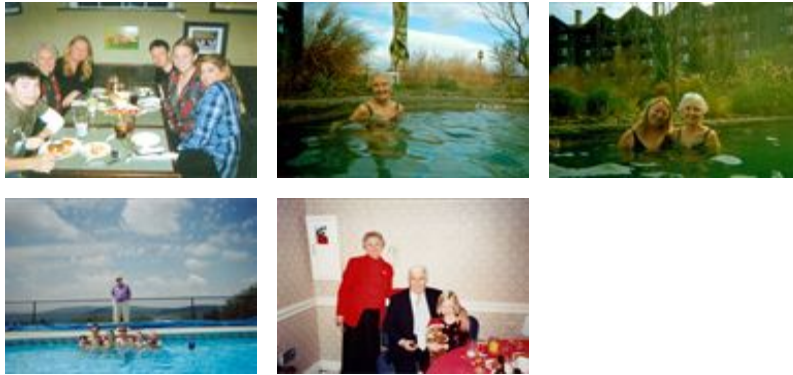
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“ Pat was the kindest, humble and compassionate person that I had the pleasure of knowing. She was methodical in thought and to work with her was always a pleasure. We have lost a great lady.

Catherine - March 17, 2017 at 08:37 PM



“ 126 files added to the album LifeTributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - March 17, 2017 at 04:53 PM

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“ *Little Sister, I love You, Big Sister Dolores purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Patricia M. Murphy.*



Little Sister, I love You, Big Sister Dolores - March 17, 2017 at 03:47 PM

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“ *Forever Love, Kerrie, Kevin, Troy, Rachel, Haley purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Patricia M. Murphy.*



Forever Love, Kerrie, Kevin, Troy, Rachel, Haley - March 17, 2017 at 03:32 PM

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“ *My heart is heavy upon learning of the loss of my beloved high school American History teacher, Mrs. Patricia Murphy who passed away yesterday. Mrs. Murphy was not only the best teacher I ever had; she was also a fierce mentor of mine - following my college career and forays into the professional world. She and her husband helped pave the way for my early career with NYC Government (although she never claimed any credit). Mrs. Murphy and I were pen and phone pals over the years, usually speaking and debating current events - as recently as a month ago. As was vintage Mrs. Murphy, this conversation was followed up with a graceful and witty handwritten letter. Mrs. Murphy epitomized grace, humility, strength, and wisdom. She will undoubtedly be missed by many. May God bless you and keep you and reunited you with your beloved husband and son. My sincere condolences.*

Mary Winkler - March 17, 2017 at 08:00 AM

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Maiden name: Kopczynski, SJHA Class of 1986

Mary Kopczynski Winkler - March 17, 2017 at 08:01 AM

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We are deeply saddened by the loss of this wonderful lady. Pat was a very special person and friend whose indefatigable spirit will be missed by many. She was a very humble person who never talked about her good works and many accomplishments. She had a tremendous gift for friendship and brightened many lives. It just felt good to talk to her and or be in her presence. I wonder how many people she touched and benefitted from her kindness and and caring personality. I know, Virginia and I are two of those people. God bless her and her family. Virginia and Jim McCabe

Jim and Virginia McCabe - March 20, 2017 at 10:43 AM