



Patricia Wolf Chernesky

December 15, 2018

Beloved grandmother of three amazing boys and mother of two children, Patricia Wolf Chernesky passed away on December 15, 2018 after a long battle with multiple myeloma and leukemia. Born in Mt. Kisco, NY in 1945 to Kenneth Vernon Wolf and Marian Upton Wolf, Pat had six siblings (sisters Ginny, Alice, Barb and Linda along with brothers Ken and Jeff). Pat was the strongest of the siblings and “packed a mean punch” according to Ginny.

After graduating from Pelham High School, Pat attended Lasell College, but her academic career was sidetracked when she met and soon married naval officer John J Chernesky Jr. Their first child Karen soon appeared, followed by a move to Hawaii and the birth of her son John. Oahu would serve as home for 7 years. Pat resumed her educational pursuits and earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Hawaii, majoring in Journalism. The family of four would eventually live in Chantilly, Virginia; Neptune Beach, Florida; Brunswick, Maine; Virginia Beach, VA; and finally Fairfax, VA.

With a naval officer for a husband, life at home often required that Pat serve as both mother and father for up to 6 months at a time. She relished the role and made sure everything ran smoothly, with both children graduating from college and going on to successful business careers, thanks in no small part to her. All told, Pat would move 28 times in her life, including stops in Reno, NV; Edgewater, NJ and finally Avon, CT.

Pat loved life fully and will always be remembered for her infectious laugh, kind spirit, amazing generosity and compassion for those around her – especially four legged furry friends!

Near the very end of her life, Pat was able to say some final goodbyes. She knew her time was up and she was at peace with moving on. As a final message to all of the well-wishing friends and family, Pat said “Just know I’m thinking of them and I love their messages. I love you all for all that you’ve done for me over the years. And I’ll miss you all.”

When asked about her grandsons and what she wanted them to be later in life, Pat said “Aw, jeez – wow. That’s a toughie. I don’t really have a good answer other than doing what they want and that they’re happy doing it. Sorry I’ll miss seeing them grow up. But it is what it’s meant to be. I have great memories of them.”

For those of us lucky enough to know Pat (aka Mom, Amma or Memaw), we are better people for having her in our lives. To focus on the great memories with her would be a full time job for days on end. If you try hard enough, it’s all you can think about – making the sad thoughts of her passing difficult to give any real attention to. Pat would want it that way. Focus on the laughs. The great experiences. The simple joys in life such as sharing a meal with friends, a stunning sunset, the blooming of a spring flower, laughing with her grandsons, or the first bite of sweet Connecticut corn (dee-lish!)

Pat was not meant to die at 73 from cancer. She was supposed to perish from a freak accident while hang-gliding over the Amazon River...at the age of 92.

For anyone interested in helping in the fight against Leukemia, we ask that you please donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in Pat’s honor at

<https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/in-honor-of-pat-chernesky>

Any donation – big or small – is welcomed with open arms to help eradicate this horrible disease.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT, US, 06119

Comments



“ Mrs XO (Bonefish), but never wore hubby's tank or position. Wonderful lady.

Cdr Roger Kline - April 30, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ The Cronin CLAN in UTAH send our condolences and our prayers for your loss. I remember the day My Parents introduced John to Pat in Ledyard CT in the late 1960's. I was in High school and DAD worked at the O'CLUB in New London. As luck would have it we reconnected again in Hawaii 1970's when they were in Hawaii and Carole and I baby sat the kids. Great times back then. Pat was awesome ... Carole and I frequently talk about the great times in Hawaii and even though infrequent times interacting with John and Pat, they were "always" happy times.

Chet Cronin LT USN(RET) - April 30, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ We were truly blessed to welcome Pat into our family almost 17 years ago when her beautiful daughter Karen married my brother Mark. Very soon after, she became a grandmother, AKA, Mimaw to my nephew Jack. I can still hear her laughing and say "Jaaack!" when he did something silly. We created so many special memories over the years spending holidays and family parties together. Even after Mark and Karen parted ways, Pat remained a special part of our family and rarely missed a birthday or family gathering. Our entire family adored her; it was impossible not to. She was always happy, always full of life, always had a positive outlook, and saw the good in everything and everyone. Even when faced with cancer, we never heard her complain. That's the amazing kind of person she was.

When we talk about her, we say she was just about the sweetest most beautiful person we knew. She was so proud of her children and grandchildren. I never knew anyone with so many friends all over the country. But it makes sense because Pat was the kind of friend one would want for life. All who knew her know this to be true. Our world certainly was a better place with her in it. She most definitely left her mark in this world and in our hearts. Now heaven is a better place with a beautiful angel, our beloved Pat. Heaven is shining brightly with her positive spirit, infectious laugh, and most beautiful soul.

Rest in peace Pat, we will miss you dearly. We are so grateful to have had you as a part of our lives.

All our love, Tracey, Rob, Gabrielle, Ryan, and Alex Cappellucci

Tracey Cappellucci - January 03, 2019 at 10:57 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Wolf Chernesky.



January 03, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories of Pat from Miriam C. Ahern



Miriam Ahern - January 03, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia Wolf Chernesky.



January 03, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Wolf Chernesky.



January 03, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ Pat ‘s friendship was a very special gift to me when she literally walked into my life over 9 years ago. Our dog walking paths crossed soon after she moved into the neighborhood and her Hazel and my dog George sniffed at each other and soon became best buddies. Pat and I didn’t sniff at each other but we also became firm friends! From then on we walked, talked and we laughed. From world affairs to our travel stories to secret recipes and gardening hints we covered it all! There were numerous outings to concerts, parks, parades, boat trips, bicycle rides, good times.

I will never forget the time when Pat peddled up a steep hill ahead of me on her bike, and then she threw her head back and laughed hysterically when she saw me ..her “young” friend pushing my bike up behind her, totally exhausted! I told her it was because she had the advantage of the beautifully soft sheepskin bike seat cover that she had recently bought!

Pat also really enjoyed spending warm summer evenings together with our neighborhood friends on my crazy back yard “beach”, where we pretended we were dipping our feet in the ocean.

So it is with sadness in my heart that I say a final goodbye to my beautiful friend Pat... farewell sweet traveler... go take on the new world. You had so much energy and you loved life and you were greatly loved. RIP Miriam A.

Miriam Ahern - January 02, 2019 at 05:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patricia Wolf Chernesky.



January 02, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Wolf Chernesky.



January 02, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Patricia Wolf Chernesky.



December 31, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Debbie Smith - December 29, 2018 at 07:17 AM



“ I'll always have in my mind's eye a picture of Pat with her dimpled smile and then her laugh. So many 'girl's' trips with our 'Piedmont airline group', great memories built over 32 years. She left this world too soon, but she left it a better place. What a blessing it's been to be on the planet the same time as Pat. I'll miss her always, but know she's at peace with a life well lived and well loved.

Debbie Smith - December 29, 2018 at 08:27 AM



“ So many memories. A delicious Pho lunch where we griped about politics.
Having dinner out before heading to the Symphony.
Walking the dogs through the snow and on the hottest days of Summer.
New Year’s Eve fun at Miriam’s.
Sharing Ziggy dog sitting days
And umpteen cups of coffee while solving the problems of the World
You are a dear, dear friend and I will miss you..

My love and sympathies to your entire family. May you Rest In Peace infinitely.

With much love. Elaine F. (aka Daisy).

Elaine Flaherty - December 28, 2018 at 09:44 PM



“ Love Elaine Flaherty & Rick Levine purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Patricia Wolf Chernesky.



Elaine Flaherty - December 28, 2018 at 09:32 PM



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Chris Molloy - December 28, 2018 at 01:22 PM