



Patricia Champion Cobb

December 11, 1932 - February 8, 2025

Patricia Champion Cobb's life of nurturing, caring, and conviviality came to a peaceful end on February 8, 2025. Known as Pat to most, Grandma to many, and Teedie to those closest to her, she was the youngest of five, born on December 11, 1932, to Mary Hanlon Champion and Dr. Thomas Champion and was married for 64 years to her beloved husband, the late Dr. Richard J. Cobb. The last of the Campions, Pat embodied many of that clan's quintessential values: devotion to family and God, a gift for teaching, and a love of sports and laughter.

Growing up, Pat shared a room with her three sisters on Grennan Road in West Hartford and attended Mount St. Joseph Academy, later earning a bachelor's degree at St. Joseph College. Long before most girls dreamed of competing in athletics, she took up the sport of diving and won a New England Championship. After a year of teaching home economics in Rocky Hill, she married in 1956, and from then on Pat and Dick embarked on a life of love, adventure, and service to others.

Wherever they went, Pat and Dick made their mark in the community, forging life-long friendships along the way. Dick's medical training took them from New York to Hartford, Norfolk, and New Haven, and in 1964 they settled in the diverse and vibrant Blue Hills section of Hartford, where they raised their family on Canterbury Street, just down the block from St. Justin's Church and

School. Pat appreciated motherhood and all its complexities and embraced the chaos and joy that children bring. She loved having a baby on her hip, birthing seven children in nine years. During the childrearing phase of their marriage, Pat held down the fort with the help of Dick's beloved father, Charles "Pop" Cobb. She did mountains of laundry, made thousands of brown bag lunches tailored to individual tastes, and got everyone to school and appointments relatively on time. During the six years her kids delivered newspapers, Pat was the one who brought in the bundles at the crack of dawn and counted, folded, and placed the newspapers in the proper bags before waking anyone. Though she did not suffer fools and shared her blunt, unfiltered opinion if the need arose, she gave her children a long leash, allowing them the freedom to explore, make mistakes, and follow their hearts.

Pat taught swimming lessons in Keney Park for numerous summers, and became an accomplished tennis player, often carrying her spouse in mixed doubles matches. When her youngest began school, Pat worked for the WIC Program while attending night classes at St. Joseph College, where she earned a master's degree in 1979. Pat joined the faculty of Weaver High School in 1978 where she began the Weaver Parent-Child Education Center, a home economics classroom that doubled as an infant day care center, allowing teen mothers to continue their education. She designed parenting and early childhood development courses, teaching her students what to expect from and how to care for an infant, as well as practical skills like balancing a checkbook. For her innovative approach to the discipline, Pat was named Connecticut's 1981 Home Economics Teacher of the Year, and her program was also featured in the March 1985 edition of Ebony magazine. In the summer of 1983, Pat and Dick moved downtown and called the tenth floor of Bushnell Tower their home for the next 40 years, spending weekends and summer days at the beach in East Matunuck, RI.

Pat embraced the new experiences conferred by Dick's career, including living

in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for six months and in Cooperstown, NY, for three years. Always up for an adventure, Pat and Dick traveled the world together, and she even flew to China to be one of the first to welcome her youngest grandchild to the fold.

Pat loved a good time, and she had the gift of making every occasion lively and fun. An excellent cook and hostess, she always made room for more, whether it was squeezing in a neighborhood friend on the bench of the “flying picnic table” or welcoming medical students from around the globe for supper. She adored the commotion of large family gatherings, knew well the pleasure of a nice bourbon or cool gin and tonic, and enjoyed decorating her apartment for various holidays. Nothing made her happier than a full house with friends and relatives enjoying good food, laughter, and fellowship. A devout Catholic, Pat was a loyal, naturally comforting, and empathetic friend, always there for folks in times of need or distress. Later in life, Pat was an active and supportive presence in her grandchildren’s lives, role modeling the virtues of kindness and never taking oneself too seriously.

In addition to her husband and parents, Pat was predeceased by her sisters and their spouses, Mary and Jimmy Sinatro, Kathleen “Kay” and John O’Neill, and Elizabeth “Betts” and Ken Trenchard, and her brother, the Rev. Thomas Campion. Mourning her loss are her children and their spouses: Richard, Jr. (Terry), Charles (Ellen Pinkos Cobb), Michael (Susan), John (Leslie Virostek), Mary Gothers (Timothy), Joseph (Dana), and Christopher. Her fifteen grandchildren cherish their memories of her: Richard III, Sarah, Jessie, Timothy, Elizabeth, Catherine, Connor, Grace, Sean, Aidan, Caroline, Abby, Meghan, Elise, and Aileen. She also leaves nine great-grandchildren and her sister-in-law Nicki Cobb, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank all her wonderful caregivers whose compassionate attention was a comfort to Pat and her family in her final years, most

especially Novlett Diaz.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in Hartford on Saturday, February 15, at 10:00 AM, with calling hours from 8:30 to 9:45 AM at the church. The Mass will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to The House of Bread, 1453 Main Street, Hartford, CT, or to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, 285 Church Street, Hartford.

Livestream Link <https://spsact.org/livestream/>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB **15**. 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

St. Patrick St. Anthony Church
285 Church Street
Hartford, CT

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Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Patricia Campion Cobb*



Molloy Funeral Home - February 13, 2025 at 09:17 AM

GB

“ *Mrs. Cobb ran the roost at 50 Canterbury! And what a maelstrom it was, with seven children, a dog, and often her wonderful father-in-law, Pops, too. Yet, like a master maestro, all ran smoothly...most of the time! With a keen wit, a sharp eye, and the occasional sharp tongue to keep all in line, including the many "guests" at the table, all were warmly welcomed. Her 7 children have grown to wonderfully reflect upon Teedie and her husband Dick, as have their grandchildren. She is of a bygone era: a loving wife, mother, grandparent, professional, and adept ringmaster. She will be missed, and God bless the Cobb family.*

Gib Brady - February 18, 2025 at 07:54 AM

JD

“ *Joe DeMuyt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia Campion Cobb.*



Joe DeMuyt - February 16, 2025 at 07:12 PM

DW

“ Chris and family, my hearts cries for you for the loss of your mom. She was a magnificent lady. I pray for you to have peace and love during this difficult time.

Love, Maria Wilkerson Brillant

D. Maria Wilkerson - February 16, 2025 at 08:17 AM

YA

“ Mrs C, was a great and caring person. My condolences to all the Cobb children. I remember my days at your house on Canterbury Street playing ball in the backyard and eating at your kitchen table. Both your mom and dad taking all of us in and treated us like family. Thank you for sharing them with me and all of us that grew up in the St. Justin School / Church family.

Yvon Alexandre

Yvon Alexandre - February 15, 2025 at 01:15 PM

CW

“ To all of the Cobb family,
Please accept my deepest sympathy. Pat was a great friend to me. She gave me sincere, succinct advice when I most needed it, mixed with her irrepressible sense of humor. She and Dick supported me as a younger immigrant to the USA, providing friendship, family and guidance. They made me feel right at home here. They lived their Christian values every day, supporting each other, their family, and helping people in any way they could, while having a great time doing it. I have always appreciated them as a wonderful example of role models to aspire to be. Unfortunately, I cannot attend Pat's funeral as I am working "on-call" this weekend. I will miss her buoyant personality and sincere generosity. I recall many lively occasions with your family, and at this time, my thoughts and condolences are with you all, as we remember a life well lived.

Christine Wallace

Christine Wallace - February 15, 2025 at 09:50 AM

ND

“ Grandma! I miss you so much words can't explain, we had so many great memories together. Sleep on my dearest you are so loved by all of us. God be with the family in this time.

Novlett Diaz - February 14, 2025 at 06:00 PM

AD

“ To all of you, my deepest condolences. Your Mom was always quick with a big smile and Hello whenever I saw her. Seeing her (and you Dad) was always a lovely exchange of memories of my own parents and their friendship. They always spoke so fondly of your parents. Wishing you peace and wonderful memories of a special Mom.
Anne Melissa Dowling

Anne Melissa Dowling - February 14, 2025 at 09:17 AM

HK

“ Sandy and I were most sorry to learn of Patricia’s death. We enjoyed so many happy times with her in the blue Hills area as neighbors. She was always friendly vivacious and caring. Her commitment to family was obvious. Even though our dogs never got along, we enjoyed whatever time we had talking to her or spending with her. We know words are a little comfort at this time, but we only hope the warm memories you have of her will be of comfort to you all. We regret that we will be out of the country And unable to attend the service.

*With sincere condolences,
Howard and Sandy Klebanoff*

Howard and Sandy Klebanoff - February 13, 2025 at 11:52 AM

LF

“ Love the Trenchard Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Patricia Campion Cobb.



Love the Trenchard Family - February 13, 2025 at 08:50 AM

RM

“ To the Campion and Cobb families,
I extend my sincere condolences to all upon learning of Pat's passing. I was a colleague of Pat's in the Hartford school system for many years. Pat cared for her student's success in all aspects of their young lives. She embodied and practiced the highest Christian values in her daily interactions with her students. She was dedicated and compassionate at all times. I really admired all the good works she performed on their behalf. I know she leaves a great void in all of her family member's hearts and souls. May you take solace that she is now reunited with Dr.Cobb in eternal rest.
Robert Mooney - Wethersfield

Robert Mooney - February 13, 2025 at 08:27 AM

PG

“ Dear Chris and Cobb family,
Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to you on your loss.
Barbara and Peter Guerra

peter guerra - February 13, 2025 at 07:00 AM

GM

“ God's Peace, Brother, Jim Mangan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Campion Cobb.

God's Peace, Brother, Jim Mangan - February 12, 2025 at 09:25 PM

GM

“ *God's Peace, Brother, Jim Mangan purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Patricia Campion Cobb.*



God's Peace, Brother, Jim Mangan - February 12, 2025 at 09:25 PM

VO

“ *To all the Cobb's. I am very sad! I have lost a dear friend! Over the years, your Mom and Dad and Fred and I had many wonderful times together! Traveling together or just hanging out in our homes in Hartford, West Hartford or Rhode Island! She was the perfect hostess and made it all look so easy! Recently we have had many great phone conversations, remembering the good times together and how much we missed your Dad and Fred! I am in Florida and very sorry that I will miss her funeral! Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers! Love Ginny O'B Great job John!*

Virginia O'Brien - February 12, 2025 at 03:12 PM

NM

Too All the Cobb's, what a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother & friend your Pat/Mom was; and what an extraordinary example of Christian virtue. Now, after reading about her life, it's clear why her children are such outstanding people. My prayers go out to her and her family. Neil Murray '77 NWC

Neil F Murray - February 13, 2025 at 12:04 AM

JM

To all the Cobbs: your mom was a great human being. With Dick, they did a lot of good in this world and raised a lovely family. You are all in my prayers, John Moore

john moore - February 13, 2025 at 09:46 AM

Jl

“ *An awesome tribute to an amazing women who warmly welcomed so many of her children's friends to her house. Jim Irzyk and Jody Abzug*

jim irzyk - February 12, 2025 at 02:07 PM