



## Patricia Wray Lovelace

June 28, 1935 - October 18, 2015

Patricia Wray (Pat) Lovelace succumbed on October 18, 2015 to the lung disease Mycobacterium Avium Complex (MAC) a devastating chronic illness for which a cure has yet to be discovered. She battled the disease for over 34 years.

She was predeceased by her father, Orville James Wray, her mother Helen Bohren Wray and her brother Michael James Wray.

Pat was born in Syracuse, New York. Her father was transferred often as he advanced through the ranks of the Woolworth Corp. As a child Pat was constantly required to leave old friends and make new. The experience of constantly meeting and befriending new and different people gave her an excellent foundation as a hostess and business woman.

Pat attended Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire and then transferred to Syracuse University; she graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1957, with a dual major in Home Economics and Early Childhood Education. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and was elected to the National Women's Honorary Society.

"Time is like a river you cannot touch the same water twice because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of your life"

The quotation above by an unknown author was one of Pat's favorites and it is the way she lived her life enjoying every moment, the good as well as the bad.

In 1973 Pat formed Retrospect Studios Incorporated. The firm specialized in the sale of furnishing, decor and artifacts to the restaurant and hotel industries. Her business expanded into importing unique items from Europe, Mexico and Haiti and exporting to the hotels that her husband was building in the Caribbean. In 1980 she took on a daunting new task, moving with her husband to the Island of Salt Cay in the Turks and Caicos Islands, where they had purchased five acres of beach front land. The Island was totally undeveloped with a population of less than 400. Pat spent ten years supervising the construction of The Windmills Plantation and another ten operating it as owner/manager.

At the hotel Pat created a menu to satisfy the sophisticated tastes of guests in an upscale boutique hotel, while working with local women who had no culinary experience other than cooking simple island meals in their homes. The task was further complicated by the fact that all food items other than conch, lobster and fish had to be flown from the US to the island of Providenciales, clear customs, be loaded on a small plane for transport to Salt Cay and trucked to the hotel. All of the above were subject to inevitable island delays and miscues.

Subsequent to the sale of the hotel Pat authored a cookbook "Caribbean Cooking Made Simple" which chronicled the creation of the hotel and her experiences on the 32 islands she visited collecting recipes for the unique taste of the Caribbean menu she developed for the hotel's restaurant.

Pat is survived by her husband of 60 years, Guy Lovelace her 3 children, Karyn Lovelace Dustin, Diane Wray Everngam and Bradley Guy Lovelace as well as eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

There will be a private memorial gathering with her family at a future date. Pat requested no flowers or donations in her name.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Wray Lovelace*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Karyn, Diane, and Brad - I'm so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. My condolences to you. The picture you chose of her is lovely. It captures the sister-in-law I remember. I would like to have spent more time with her. Memories are there, though. Always will be.*

**Jane Wray Scaturro - Boynton Beach, FL - Family** - March 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am very sorry to hear of Pat's passing. I was Pats hairdresser in Jupiter for over 17 years not only was she a client I considered her a dear friend. Guy I am very sorry you lost your best friend. Pat was a class act!!!! I would like to say I am sorry to the whole family as I feel like I know each of you as she spoke so highly of each one of you kids , grandkids and greatgrandkids. Pat I will really miss you, With all my love, Sandy Ranalli*

**Sandy Ranalli - Jupiter, FL - Friend- hairdresser** - November 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bill and I send our love and know Pat will be greatly missed by her family . Guy , Bill and I are so sorry you have lost your best friend . You were fortunate to have her in your life for 69 years and I can not imagine the hole that must leave in your heart.*

**Gigi Tylander - Palm Beach, FL - Old friend** - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM