



Patricia Diane Minnoch

December 30, 1932 - December 30, 2014

MINNOCH, Patricia Diane

Patricia Diane Minnoch, 82, died peacefully in the arms of her husband on December 30, 2014, at home in Jupiter Inlet Colony, Florida. Patricia was born April 20, 1932, in Washington, DC, the daughter of Arnold and Mary Ida Eller. She graduated from Falls Church High School, Virginia (Honors) and graduated from Strayer Business College (Honors). She also attended Northern Virginia Community College and the University of Virginia. Patricia was a creative and talented person – artist, gourmet cook, author, editor, and an accomplished pianist. Her career in the Central Intelligence Agency took her abroad to numerous assignments in South America, Europe, and Asia. She retired from the agency in 1996 and relocated to Jupiter Inlet Colony with her husband John. She was an active member and pianist at the Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Palm Beach Gardens. Her experiences in different cultures influenced her unusual cooking skills. She published a cook book and authored recipes for magazines, such as *Woman's Day*. Throughout her travels she became a self-taught portrait artist. Patricia is survived by her husband, John; her children Chris Kriesten (Gretchen), Valerie Garman (Dennis), Stephen Kriesten (Cheryl), and Leslie Richards (Scott); stepsons John Minnoch (Egda) and James Minnoch (Miho); 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Patricia will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery with a memorial service announced at that time.

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Diane Minnoch*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy go out to you John, and your family. I remember how wonderful it was to visit Canada with you and Pat. I loved talking with her about cooking and seeing the Church Great Grandfather ministered. She was a pleasure and bright person and be greatly missed by everyone.*

Merrilee Neale - Buffalo - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ I'm sorry to say I've not seen my Aunt Patsy in person since the summer of 1988. It was at a gathering at my Aunt Norma Tasker's, then home, in Haymarket Virginia. She & John were there together and they looked so happy and it was so good to see & talk with her and John. Some of the great memories I have as a child, I can thank my Aunt Patsy for. I thought it was very mysterious & cool that she was never allowed to tell us what she did at work; top secret stuff I figured !! She was kind enough to come retrieve me from my home in Dunn Loring Va, take me to hers in Manassas, allowing me to visit with cousin Leslie & the family, returning me after a week. This was during the summers of my preteen, to early teen years. I was not used to the structure & lifestyle cousin Leslie was being raised in, including the early awakenings for church on Sundays. I always had a great time during my visits, wishing I could live there too. Her home was so nice. It was adorned with many pieces of art from other parts of the world. I was drawn to them with great fascination. And her house was SO clean and well kept. To this day, when I smell Downy, I ALWAYS think of Aunty Patsy. I really thought she lived in a mansion and was a millionaire ! I don't believe she & her children, will ever realize the HUGE differences in our upbringings, and the profound positive effects on me, that having been included in their daily lives for a small amount of time during my childhood, have had. Aunt Patsy was beautiful, intelligent, talented, patient and so very kind. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. My love, thoughts and prayers to John, Leslie, Valerie, Chris, Stephen, all the grand & great grand children. Nora

Nora Ann Wynkoop - Louisa, VA - neice - January 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We first met you and John when we lived in Japan and have very many fond memories of the times we spent together.

After we returned from the Middle East it was nice to reconnect with you in Northern Virginia as you transitioned to your new home in Jupiter Colony.

We've shared great times, good food, and laughs with you and John and we will miss you.

Bobby and Lesley Ward - Punta Gorda, FL - Friends - January 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Patsy and my sister Pat were best friends in High School and beyond. There was always something screwy going on. My sister was paralyzed with GuillainBarré syndrome and Patsy was in constant contact. My sister's future husband was in the Army and in Korea. I remember her first husband Bob Kriesten and then I moved on and lost contact. She was a great person and will be sorely missed by all who knew her. My sisters children knew her as Aunt Pat. They will be close forever as my sister and her husband are also in Arlington.

Prescott P Lawrence Sr (Scotty) - Grayson, GA - Little brother of her best friend - January 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dear John, Fran and I are so sorry to hear Pat has gone. We will be at our church tonight and will say a special prayer for you and your family. Our deepest sympathy is with you. Paul & Fran Minnoch

A friend - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *My sincere sympathies on the loss of your dear wife and friend. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of grieving. I knew Pat when we were at the Embassy in Caracas. Blessings and prayers for all, Donna Olson*

Donna Olson - Pewaukee, WI - Friend - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Dear John and family,*

please accept my sincere sympathy on the loss of your dear wife, Pat.

I will always keep her in my memory. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Gudie

Gudie Nordhaus - Estepona (Malaga), Spain - Friend - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ *Patsy as my sister, you will always be in my heart, close by. Sorry for your loss John, I know you miss her deeply.*

Lola Wynkoop - Mineral, VA - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Ray Wynkoop - Mineral, VA - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Pat, known to me all my life as Aunt Patsy, was one of my mother's best, and lifelong, friends. She and her family were always family to ours, and I am sorry for her illness and ultimate death. I will always remember visiting the family in Manassas, gifts, cards and letters from foreign places, the long driveway to her parents' house not far from where we lived. I am grateful for her friendship with my mother and the richness Aunt Patsy and her family brought to our lives. God bless you, John, for your love and devotion to Pat, and my sincere condolences to you and Pat's children, my "cousins." Her presence in my life is, and always will be, a blessing.

Robin Kabrich - Hampton, VA - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM