



## Patricia Eleanor Anton

May 11, 1941 - April 14, 2023

With great sorrow, we announce that our beloved wife, mother, and sister, Patricia Eleanor Anton (“Pat”), 81, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania passed away on April 14, 2023.

Pat was born on May 11, 1941 in New York City to Walter and Marian Joyce. Always a bright and dedicated student, Pat graduated from St. Catharine Academy high school in 1958 and went on to obtain a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Hunter College. She was elected to both the Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Mu Epsilon honor societies and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She chose to pursue her master’s degree at the University of Illinois where she met and shared an office with Howard Anton. The two went on to share their lives, marrying in 1965 and spending almost 58 years together.

After graduating from the University of Illinois, Pat moved briefly to Massachusetts to work for Avco Corporation and then back to her native New York City. It was there that she married Howard, and they settled in a small apartment in Washington Heights. Pat was a pioneer in the early days of computing, working as a programmer in the fields of aeronautical engineering and finance, and helping to support Howard as he pursued a doctorate in mathematics.

With the birth of her first child, Brian, Pat turned to full-time motherhood. After

Howard obtained his degree, the family moved first to Northeast Philadelphia and then to South Jersey. It was during this time that the couple had two more children, son David and daughter Lauren. Pat was a devoted mother who prioritized the happiness and success of her children, often volunteering to help with school and PTA functions.

She was also active in the church, finding quiet strength in her faith and great joy singing in the choir. She also served as a CCD instructor and as a Minister of the Eucharist.

In the late 1980s, Pat took a role as Vice President of Techsetters, a company that produced scientific journals and mathematical textbooks. In addition to her management responsibilities, she worked “hands on” as a computer artist and mathematical proofreader. Under her leadership, the company prospered and won various awards for its work.

Pat was a world traveler, and she and Howard visited many destinations on multiple continents, including Ireland, China, the Galapagos Islands, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Norway, Alaska, Kenya, France, and Italy, among others.

In 2019, our family was blessed to have spent a wonderful vacation together in Croatia. The memories of that time will remain in our hearts forever.

Pat was a quiet person but deeply devoted to loved ones, friends, and the community. In her later years, she enjoyed time with her canasta group, taught English as a Second Language, and became passionate about photography, often winning awards in local shows.

Pat was predeceased by her parents Marian (Durrenberger) Joyce and Walter Joyce, and her brother Thomas Joyce. She is survived by her husband Howard; children Brian, David, and Lauren; daughters-in-law Katherine Lutz

and Nicole Anton; sisters Kathleen Cea and Christina DeLuca; and nieces and nephews Jennifer Allen, Stephen Joyce, Nicole Maier, Robert DeLuca, and Alexander Cea.

Forever missed. Forever loved.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in memory of Patricia Anton to one of the following organizations:

Dementia Society of America

PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901 [www.DementiaSociety.org/donate](http://www.DementiaSociety.org/donate)

Covenant House

<https://www.covenanthouse.org/ways-to-give>

Relatives and friends are invited to her funeral mass, 10:00am on Friday, April 21st, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul, 18th & Ben Franklin Parkway. Interment and luncheon to follow, West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bala Cynwyd, PA.

# Tribute Wall

SI

“ *Suzanne Ingrao lit a candle in memory of Patricia Eleanor Anton*



suzanne ingrao - April 21, 2023 at 03:49 PM

SI

“ *suzanne I. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Patricia Eleanor Anton.*



suzanne I. - April 21, 2023 at 11:17 AM

FS

“ *I'm friends with her son Brian and Brian's a great guy so she did a great job raising him. I didn't know her well because we rarely hung out at Brian's house we typically hung out at our friends Mike's or Howard's, houses but I did do some landscaping at her home and at the office she owned too when I was a teenager. I've been friends with Brian since we were probably years old. And we still play D&D together! Great family - very good family she did a good job raising her family. Her Legacy will live on.*

Frank Slattery - April 21, 2023 at 08:53 AM

FS

*Just noticed a typo. That should have said since we were 16 years old. That's how long I've known brian. I'm 56 now.*

Frank Slattery - April 21, 2023 at 08:54 AM

JW

“ I remember Pat when I was a toddler. She was a warmth, a safe space, totally funny, strong, bold and humble. She was brilliant, fun. Yet quiet and reserved. I always had the utmost respect for her. I wish her and her family peace. She is a wonderful childhood memory for me.

Jennifer Wydra - April 20, 2023 at 05:40 PM

JL

“ We have known Pat for 40 years - meeting her and Howard in Cherry Hill, NJ. We have shared gourmet dinners, trips in many countries, friendly at-home dinners, all in the special warmth that she exuded wherever she was. Her wit was sharp, her friendliness all-encompassing. Her acceptance total. We will miss her immensely.  
Her memory will be a blessing always.  
Jim and Louanne Lang

James Lang - April 18, 2023 at 09:32 PM

JM

“ Jhoel Mercado lit a candle in memory of Patricia Eleanor Anton



Jhoel Mercado - April 18, 2023 at 04:23 PM

JM

I hope you find comfort knowing that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers in this time of sorrow. Pat was a joy to work with. She will be missed. RIP.

Jhoel Mercado - April 18, 2023 at 04:27 PM

JL

“ My heartfelt condolences to Howard, and to Pat’s children and family. Pat was my friend and special Girard sister. I knew I could count on her when I called to get her input on entertaining the group of sisters or menu planning. And when she arrived she was ready and willing to pitch in wherever she was needed either in the kitchen or in the “theatre. “. It was said in the beautiful obituary that Pat was quiet. And maybe so. Pat enjoyed hearing all the stories from all the sisters and what they had been up to since the last time we met. I could tell by the way she listened intently and smiled or laughed and said what she was thinking. The slide presentations of her travels with Howard were delightful for everyone and we all knew how much time was spent doing them. The times we spent in Florida together are also filled with fond memories. I miss you Pat and I appreciate the friendship we had. RIP.Love, Jan Lydic

Jan Lydic - April 18, 2023 at 01:47 PM

AO

“ Andy Oei lit a candle in memory of Patricia Eleanor Anton



andy oei - April 18, 2023 at 08:13 AM

EL

“ Ed & Lorraine lit a candle in memory of Patricia Eleanor Anton



Ed & Lorraine - April 17, 2023 at 07:15 PM

EL

*So many happy memories of the 4 of us together.*

**Ed and Lorraine** - April 17, 2023 at 07:15 PM

LB

“ *Lucille Buonocore lit a candle in memory of Patricia Eleanor Anton*



**Lucille Buonocore** - April 17, 2023 at 06:14 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Patricia Eleanor Anton.*



April 17, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Patricia Eleanor Anton.*



April 17, 2023 at 02:17 PM