



Mary Pat Schoen

February 16, 1927 - April 21, 2013

Mary Pat Schoen, mother of eleven, grandmother of forty-one and great grandmother of nine, passed away at age 86 on Sunday, April 21, 2013 in her home surrounded by family. Mary Pat was born in Toledo, Ohio on February 16, 1927 to Ted and Mary Gerken. She attended Rosary Cathedral School, St. Ursula Academy and Marygrove College. This "Gerken Girl" caught the heart of Jim Schoen just before he entered the service. They were married in 1947 for 49 years.

Mary Pat had a simple grace and varied interests. This was shown in her ability to pair her trademark pearls with khakis; her love for competitive sports and her gentleness with children; her appreciation for the commotion of family and her love of classical music; her love of the outdoors and the puff of a cigar.

Mary Pat was a marvelous cook and enjoyed entertaining. She played bridge for years with a close group of high school friends and was a longtime volunteer for Meals on Wheels. She cherished memories of trips to Rome and meeting with the Pope.

Mary Pat was known for her calmness, kindness and warmth. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, putting her family first. A true friend, light hearted and sincere. As Mary Pat went about her day, she often took time to pray the rosary. She treasured her Catholic faith. Her way was peaceful and strong in purpose. We will miss her as we continue on our journey toward eternal life.

Mary Pat was preceded in death by her husband, James M. Schoen; her son, Stephen; her parents, Theodore and Mary Gerken and her sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Newcomer. She is survived by her children, James (Susan), Carol (Gary) Barnes, Clifford, Lawrence, Susan (Christopher) Anderson, Charles (Catherine), Terrence (Janet), Patricia (Daniel) McCartney, Joseph (Marcia) and David (LeAnn); her grandchildren; her sister, Marcia (Robert) Sullivan and her brother, Theodore (Sharon) Gerken.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to Mary Pat's caregivers, Jeannine VanVorce and Beth Gandy , for their exceptional kindness and compassion.

Services will be private per Mary Pat's request.

Donations may be made to John Paul II Medical Research Institute, 540 E Jefferson St., Suite 105 Iowa City, IA 52245 or Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality Kitchen, 6149 Hill Ave., Toledo, OH 43615.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ To the family of Mary Pat Schoen, Sincere sympathy on your loss. I know you have countless special memories of this very special lady. Sincerely, Sharon Metz Hightower and family.

Sharon Hightower - April 25, 2013 at 04:42 PM

JB

“ To the family of Mary Pat Schoen,

My heart goes out to all of you for the loss of your precious mother. Reading all of the wonderful comments about your mom makes me understand better where all of you got your beautiful spirits.

My deepest sympathy to all of you at this time.

Jane Bechtel

Jane Bechtel - April 25, 2013 at 03:43 PM

JT

“ To the family of Mary Pat Schoen,

It is with much warmth and fond memories of this remarkable faith filled woman that was such a witness to me. It was not very often that I would have a chance to be in her company but when the opportunity arrived it was a graced moment. She was always so warm, caring, interested and very enjoyable to visit with. The obit seemed to capture her spirit. Through her family she will continue to make a difference.

My most sincere sympathy to her family.

JoAnne Tressler

JoAnne Tressler - April 25, 2013 at 02:47 PM

HM

“ My deepest sympathy to the Schoen family. I am deeply saddened by the loss of your Mother, Mary Patricia Schoen. Stephen Schoen who preceded her was my brother-in-law. Stephen loved his Mother enough to name his twin and only daughter, Stephanie Patricia Schoen after her. I believe Stephen somehow knew Stephanie Patricia would be like her namesake, calm, kind, warm and with a simple grace.

The description of Mary Pat was perfect and most sincere. Mary Pat was a true friend, calm, kind, warm and a marvelous cook, I have a few of her recipes in my own personal recipe box that I treasure.

Mary Pat was a wonderful Mother, Grandmother & friend who always put her family first. Mary Pat also treasured her faith and passed that faith down to everyone she loved.

The Schoen family has been truly blessed and fortunate to have been given the greatest gift of all "LOVE". Sincerely, Hazel Munding, sister of Mary Schoen, Aunt of Alexander and Stephanie Patricia Schoen.

Hazel Munding - April 25, 2013 at 11:10 AM

RJ

“ Susan & Chris, we are sorry to hear of your loss. May the memories comfort you now.

Kris & Randy Jones

Randy Jones - April 24, 2013 at 08:22 PM

RD

“*Mary Pat Schoen Clan....I believe that Mary Pat is the last of the inlaws married to Schoen's.I have many fond memories of Mary Pat and your dad,Jim..Your mother was one of the most wonderful individuals that I ever met.What a beautiful person she was. She always looked like she was on top of things despite the fact that she had eleven children to deal with. Thanks be to God for the goodness of her life. She was indeed a woman of deep faith and never ending love. May she rest in peace and may your deep faith in the resurrection be your strength in this time of grief and loss. Cherish the memories and pray your goodbyes. I will offer three Masses for the repose of her soul. All good things to you. The Padre Dan Zak*

Rev. Daniel - April 24, 2013 at 05:25 PM

TG

“*MARCIA and TED, My prayerful sympathy. A great woman. I can recall multiple times seeing her get into Jim's two-door car on Robinwood in the mid-forties. I phoned Sis (going into a meeting in Baltimore) after seeing your lovely obit. a short while ago. My best to you all-ways. With very fond memories of all the Robinwood Gerkens, Tony Gallagher*

Tony Gallagher - April 24, 2013 at 02:09 PM

KO

“*Fond memories of Mary Pat and more Schoens than I could count when our family used to hang out at the Wheelers' pool. I remember her as a lovely, friendly woman. Thinking of you Suzie. With love and respect. -- Kate Oatis*

Kate Oatis - April 24, 2013 at 07:46 AM