



Patricia Ann Drislane

October 4, 1952 - January 22, 2025

Newport, RI-Patricia Ann Drislane, 72, died on January 22, 2025, in Middletown, RI.

Born in Albany, NY, she graduated from Vincentian Institute and Marquette University where she was valedictorian of her class of 1974.

She served in the U.S. Navy for 29 years retiring as a full Captain. She moved to her beloved Newport, RI, where she joined the Newport Historical Society giving many walking tours. She was a Docent at the Touro Synagogue. Patricia never stopped studying the rich history and culture of Newport.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Thomas Drislane and Mary Drislane, her brother Thomas Michael Drislane, and sister-in-law Susan Drislane.

She is survived by her sisters Dr. Mary Ellen Drislane (Dr. Joseph Baler), Kathleen Sullivan, and her brothers James, Daniel (Pam), Mark (Jean), and Robert (Melissa), along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, as well as many friends and co-tour guides in Newport.

Per Patricia's wishes, funeral services are private. A private burial will take place at a later date.

Those wishing to send condolences may visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

LE

“ *Saddened to read of Patricia's passing. For me, she was a sweet, kind, caring and driven person I came to know and love. She's now in a better place and may God's grace be with her.*
J. E. Lee, Jr, CAPT USN (ret)

Lee - March 13, 2025 at 07:32 PM

SM

“ *To Mary Ellen, Joe and family,
We just learned of Patricia's passing. We are very sorry to hear this news. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and your family. Our deepest condolences. Sincerely, Sam and Carol Bosco*

Samuel Bosco MD - March 04, 2025 at 03:50 PM

PG

“ *To The Drislane Family,
We wanted you to know that you have been in our thoughts and prayers since we heard of Patricia's passing. May treasured memories comfort you now and always.
Our deepest sympathy,
Peggy and Jim Gaudet*

Peggy and Jim Gaudet - February 13, 2025 at 03:06 PM

LD

“ It was an honor to know and share time with Pat especially during her last days when she was at Blenheim, a stone's throw from where I live.

I had been acquainted with her as a fellow naval officer but later and better as a fellow tour guide, lover of Aquidneck Island and its history, and most of all as a friend.

The strength she exhibited in her last weeks of life was extraordinary especially since many of those days fell over the holiday season. She expressed so much gratitude during that time all while appreciating these holidays were going to be her last. “I’m dying (not passing),” she insisted, “and it’s OK.”

I often told her it was those of us who knew her and were exposed to her courage in light of illness who should be most grateful.

At a time when the country she and I supported as military members is in such turmoil, I am confident her spirit is with us and will continue to make the world she left a better place.

Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas

Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas - February 10, 2025 at 04:53 PM

JE

“ So sorry to hear. Pat was a mentor to me when I decided to go into the tour business. She put on one heck of a good tour - appropriately theatrical! I would talk to her daily on her way to her beloved yoga. Always positive - inspirational.

Jeff - February 03, 2025 at 04:48 PM

JM

“ *Mary Ellen, Jimmy, Robert, Kathy, Mark and Danny,
My sincerest condolences. Wishing you comfort and peace as you
remember Patti. She will be missed by many.
Jim Murray*

Jim Murray - January 31, 2025 at 10:15 AM

CJ

“ *We were fortunate to have Pat as a docent at Trinity Church through
the 2023 guiding season. A self-proclaimed wallflower, Pat literally
blossomed when giving tours. She was a powerhouse of
information. Her knowledge of Newport history was amazing. We
will miss her. On behalf of her fellow guides at Trinity, we send
heartfelt condolences to Pat's family and friends.*

Charlotte Johnson - January 29, 2025 at 02:38 PM

KR

“ *Patricia was an incredible, strong, brave, and beautiful person and I
am so honored to have known her and learned from her. She was
more than my yoga student, she was my teacher as well.
Witnessing her grace in the face of illness and indefatigable positive
attitude was inspirational. I will miss her smile and strength in class,
but her spirit will live on in our community. I was also fortunate
enough to go on a walking tour of Newport with her and my best
friend. Her knowledge and passion for Newport's history was
infectious. To Patricia ❤️*

*With Love to The Drislane Family,
Kristy Burns, Newport resident & fellow yogi*

Kristy - January 28, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ *Sending our condolences to the family of Patricia Ann Drislane at this time of loss and reflection.*

Leo and Martha Levy

Leo and Martha Levy - January 28, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *I am so honored to have gotten the chance to know Patricia through my yoga studio. She was a dedicated yoga practitioner and such a bright light who always welcomed in new people, helping to make our community what it is. She never slowed down and told me on more than one occasion that she wasn't ready to give up yet - she had more yoga poses to learn. She brought laughter and strength to everything she did, and I always looked forward to seeing her in class. I will miss her dearly, but she leaves a legacy of spirit, strength, and resilience behind.*

Sending so much love to her family.

Rachael Whitworth & Love Defeats Fear Yoga

Rachael Whitworth - January 28, 2025 at 03:39 PM

MA

“ To the Drislane Family,

It was my pleasure to get to work with Pat at the Newport Historical Society. Her deep knowledge and passion for American history was only out shown by her remarkable kindness. Please take comfort in knowing that Pat has left a legacy of sharing her knowledge and warmth with all who knew her.

She will live on in my memory,

Mat DeLaire

Mathew - January 28, 2025 at 03:22 PM

KF

“ Dear Drislane Family,

You have my sincere sympathy. Pat was a dear colleague, neighbor and above all a treasured friend. She was a warrior in every aspect of her life whether it was her career, her passion for volunteering, her quest for knowledge, and in her last battle with cancer. Her life was too brief but filled with her many achievements. I will miss her dearly but always thankful for having known her.

Karen Flippo

Karen Flippo - January 28, 2025 at 02:58 PM

TM

“ Dr Drislane I am so sorry to hear that your sister passed. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!

*Warmly,
Tracy Mullen*

Tracy Mullen - January 27, 2025 at 05:36 PM

WH

“ Dear Drislane Family,
Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your sister Patricia. My husband and I met Pat 2 or 3 years ago at our local yoga studio where she wowed all of us with her ability and determination to conquer any physical challenge. She also astounded us with the number of hours she devoted to volunteering each week for various organizations such as Newport Hospital, Newport Historical Society and Touro Synagogue. Her depth of knowledge of local history as a result of this work put those of us who grew up in this area to shame. Patricia was an inspiration to all of us who knew her and we felt so lucky to have her as a friend. We will miss her terribly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you,
Wendy and Jim Houle

Wendy L Houle - January 27, 2025 at 10:37 AM

RB

“ After retiring, Patricia came to serve as a volunteer at Visiting Nurse Services in Portsmouth RI which is where I met her. She was so kind and dedicated and willing to serve where ever she was needed. I feel so blessed to have known her. Patricia was an inspiration and gave so much back to the community she loved. She will be missed! My condolences to all who knew and loved her,
Robyn Buck

Robyn Buck - January 27, 2025 at 07:18 AM

TC

“ Kathy, Jim, Bob and all the Drislane family,
Please accept our sincerest condolences on the passing of your sister, Patricia. May the good Lord watch over your family and ease the pain of your loss.

Sue and Tom Cunningham

Thomas Cunningham - January 27, 2025 at 06:43 AM

JO

“ Dr Drislane I am sending my sincerest sympathy to you and your family on passing of your sister. Jo-Ann Miele



Jo-Ann - January 26, 2025 at 09:06 PM

SC

“ Dr. Drislane. I just wanted to send you my condolences on the passing of your sister. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family
Sharon Cupoli

Sharon Cupoli - January 26, 2025 at 08:30 PM

JC

“ Volunteers are the backbone of any non-profit and this was certainly the case when Pat blessed Linden Place, an 1810 historic house museum in Bristol, Rhode Island, with her tremendous gifts of time and talent. From running the museum store to handholding sometimes difficult brides to sharing the fascinating history of Linden Place with visitors, she was such a tremendous asset. I know I speak for all all when I say Linden Place was certainly fortunate that she chose to bring her love of history, class, grace, and unparalleled experience to lucky Linden Place and to the Bristol community at-large. My sympathies to her family!
Jim Connell
Past Executive Director
Linden Place

James Burke Connell - January 26, 2025 at 05:28 PM

LS

“ I had the honor of working alongside Pat as a tour guide at Touro Synagogue and the Newport Historical Society. I have never known someone who is so dedicated to sharing Newport history with the public. Even after she became sick, she continued to share her passion for history. I will miss her.

Liz Spoden - January 26, 2025 at 04:50 PM

JR

“ To Patty’s family and friends, I am so sorry for your loss. Patty introduced me to my wife of 50 years, Kitty (Boland) Ray in 1967. Kitty, who passed to the next life in 2022, was close friend of Patty’s. They were classmates at VI. Kitty and I last saw her in Newport in 2013...a delightful 4 hour dinner enjoying many memories of high school years. I will be forever grateful to Patty for introducing me to Kitty and fostering our relationship through high school and beyond. She will live in my memories.

Jim Ray - January 26, 2025 at 01:52 PM

BK

“ Dan and family, I am so sorry for your loss

Bob Knightly - January 26, 2025 at 01:09 PM

RG

“ Mark,Robert, Kathy,Maryellen,Jimmy,Danny, So very sorry to hear about the passing away into eternal life of your sister, Patricia. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you at this time. 🙏. Roland and Susan Graves

Roland and Susan Graves - January 26, 2025 at 12:34 PM

TT

“ With our deepest sympathy to the entire Drislane family on Patty’s passing. She is in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom Tyrrell - January 26, 2025 at 10:14 AM

RW

“ Mary Ellen, Kathy and Jim,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family on the passing of your sister, Patricia.
With deepest sympathy,
Ruth Wakefield and family

Ruth Wakefield - January 25, 2025 at 08:09 PM

RP

“ Kathy, Mary Ellen and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Patricia's passing. May you find peace and comfort with the memories you hold. My sincerest condolences to you and the Drislane family.
Regina Papa and family

Regina M Papa - January 25, 2025 at 06:38 PM

LK

“ Patricia was a remarkable person who enhanced the world and everyone who knew her. She loved her family and her life in Newport.. She is missed.

Lew Keen - January 25, 2025 at 06:21 PM

JT

“ *Mark and Robert,
So sorry to hear of your sister's passing.
Condolences to you and the entire family.
God Bless.
Jim Toomey*

Jim Toomey - January 25, 2025 at 02:22 PM