



Patricia B. Mottolese

October 7, 1930 - April 23, 2023

Loudonville, NY-Patricia B. Mottolese, 92, passed away peacefully on Sunday morning, April 23, 2023. Born in Albany, she was the daughter of Irish and Welsh immigrant parents, Emily Gertrude “Gert” (Davis-Nolan) and Patrick Breen. Pat grew up in Albany, graduated from Albany High School and met her future husband, Tom Mottolese on a blind date. They dated and danced their way into each other’s hearts at the canteens held frequently at the time in Albany.

They were married on the 4th of July, 1952 and moved to Washington, DC where Pat worked for the Department of Commerce as a stenographer. After Tom completed dental school, they returned to Albany where they “started” their family...and they just kept going!

What can we say about our Mom’s super powers? It is difficult for any of us to imagine how this petite woman of 4’11” managed to keep this band of merry elves in line with her own brand of grit and grace. She was the original Energizer Bunny with more energy and faith to carry her through the challenges of motherhood, infants, toddlers and teens (Everything, Everywhere All at Once?!?) in the 1950’s, 60’s and yes, even the 70’s and 80’s. She ran a tight ship and, though soft spoken, could evoke the fear of God in any one of us with the threat of “just wait until your father gets home!”

She used her short-hand skills to encode vaccination appointments on the fridge calendar. She always hid our Christmas presents in the same place (her closet) every year- and we pretended not to know. She never missed the St. Patrick's Day Parade- no matter how cold, wet or snowy. She enjoyed a good Bloody Mary or Mimosa on special occasions- or maybe a Stinger after a particularly grueling nine holes.

Mom volunteered for decades of PTA, room mother, Church bingo, attended countless ball games, swim lessons and mercifully endured some excruciating piano recitals. She allowed Patrick's high school rock band to practice in the basement at South Manning. It was before liner notes and she would listen to Van Morrison's Moon Dance repeatedly to shorthand the proper lyrics for said band- the woman was a saint!

Mom was an avid reader and instilled this love in each of us. She also loved sewing and taught us all- but only one of us ever had the patience for it. She loved walking, gardening and bowling. She was famed for her side stroke while always making a fashion statement with her stylish swim caps.

We were lucky enough to enjoy a house always full of family and friends with a steady stream of extended family parties to celebrate the holidays, birthdays, baptisms, first communions, confirmations and anniversaries. She never missed a birthday or milestone event and attended countless extra-curriculars for all of us making sure she treated all of us equally (no small task with this brood). She made Christmas magical with a tinsel-covered tree surrounded by a giant mound of carefully selected, wrapped gifts for all. She planned, packed and seamlessly managed family vacations in Florida, Cape Cod, Wildwood, NJ, etc. for our "party of nine" like it was no big deal. We always had an extra body in tow- be it a college roommate, extended family or even a dental hygienist.

Wherever we were, if there was music, it was not uncommon for Pat and Tom to take to the dance floor to shame the rest of the dancers off the floor with their spirited jitterbugging, twirling and swing moves whether it was the Glen Miller Band, Frank Sinatra or Patsy Cline.

In her "retirement" years, Pat enjoyed playing golf with the "Ladies 9 holers" at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, traveling with Tom and friends to Ireland, Europe and wherever else they could combine golf, friendship and fun. She especially enjoyed wintering with their snowbird friends in Tarpon Springs and Bonita Springs, Florida. We're quite certain that by 5pm Sunday, Mom was raising a glass with Dad, Brin, and a host of friends and family. To Mom we gratefully and tearfully toast "Slainte, Yaki-da and Salud!" to a life well-lived.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Thomas N. Mottolese, and by her brother Brinley Breen. She is survived by her seven children: Dr. Monica P. Mottolese (James Slavin); Jeanne M. Heran (Chuck Heran, deceased); Thomas N. Mottolese, Jr. (Ellen McDaniel); Dr. Patrick J. Mottolese (Dr. Phyllis Norton); K. Mark Mottolese; Maura C. Mottolese (Brian Morrissey); Emily M. Mottolese (Carl Shenton).

She is also survived by eleven grandchildren: Dr. Laura Oswald (Eric); Captain Daniel Slavin (Nelia); Kyle Heran (Karissa); Meghan Willock (Nick); Kelly Bartosik (James) and Emily Rose Mottolese; Téa R. Mottolese; Shane and Conor Morrissey; Elliot and Rhys Shenton. She also is survived by 9 great-grandchildren: Sage and Isla Oswald; Amelia and Juliette Heran; Theo, Roman and Giorgia Willock; Miles and Talia Bartosik. In addition, she is survived by her Irish and Welsh cousins, several nieces and nephews, both here in Albany and abroad in Wales and Ireland.

The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to the passionate care

provided by all the aides at Kingsway Skilled Nursing.

Patricia's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11am on Friday, April 28, 2023 at St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Road, Loudonville, NY 12211. A private viewing and prayer service for family will be held at McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany, NY at 9:30am.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Pat's name to: St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Road, Loudonville 12211 or Mater Christi Food Pantry, c/o MC Parish Office, 40 Hopewell St., Albany, NY 12208.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Service

APR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
23 Crumitie Rd
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518) 462-1336

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia B. Mottolese*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Patrick J. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Patricia B. Mottolese.*



Patrick J. - April 29, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ *Dear Emily . I am so sorry to read about your mother's death and send you my sympathy . In years past, she and I walked and talked on several occasions and I remember her as such a warm and cheery person. I have thought fondly about you and wondered about your life. May you find comfort in the embrace of your large family and friends. With best wishes, Susan W Fisher (Birch Hill Rd).*

SUSAN FISHER - April 28, 2023 at 07:33 AM

EA

“ There were many days and nights I loved being at your Manning Blvd. home! As an only child, to be able to spend time with a big family full of love and action, this was so special. And your mom always made me feel welcome and part of the "clan." Her wisdom and inclusion were a model for me. I hope I can "pay it forward" to others, as a legacy to such an amazing and spirited woman.

Ellie Alexander - April 27, 2023 at 08:31 AM

FP

“ My sincere condolences to Dr. Monica and Dr. Patrick.

Fred Perkins - April 27, 2023 at 07:37 AM

MB

“ Our heartfelt condolences on hearing of the passing of Aunt Pat We hope it will help bring solace to know she is reunited with Uncle Tommy. Such a beautiful telling of an amazing life! Our prayers are with you all
Michael and Vivian Basile

Michael Basile - April 26, 2023 at 06:43 PM

ER

“ I have many memories of your mom and dad having fun with my parents. They are all together again. She was a great lady. Please accept my condolences.
Eileen Phelan Rings

Eileen Rings - April 26, 2023 at 06:49 AM

MM

“ Dear Patrick and Monica and the whole Family, Peter and I send our sincerest condolences on the loss of your mom. The tribute in the Times Union today was both a delight to read and an amazing history. We send you our love and also regret that we will not be in town for the services. Nevertheless, we will be thinking of all of you and wish you Joy in Pat's memories. Michael Murphy and Peter Haley

Michael J Murphy - April 26, 2023 at 06:05 AM