



Patricia Ann Finch Anderson

December 19, 1946 - April 19, 2020

Patricia Ann Finch Anderson, age 73, passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2020 at her home in Haymarket, Virginia.

Pat was born on December 19, 1946 in Alexandria, VA to the late Elton Atwell and Margerite (Fisher) Finch.

Pat was a dedicated teacher and mentor to many students during her career. She began her career at Fort Hunt School in the fall of 1968 and later taught at West Potomac and McLean High School. She retired from the Fairfax County school system after 35 years of service as a business education teacher. Her commitment to assisting students and her fellow educators continued through her volunteer involvement in the Prince William County school systems after her retirement at a number of schools where she felt she was needed. She copied papers, was a room parent for her grandchildren, donated supplies and clothes, and whatever else was needed.

Pat had an enormous heart and tried to assist others as much as she was able. She was involved in many service organizations that allowed her to give time and resources to others. Twice a month, she made food drop offs to the Haymarket Food Pantry. She took care of the neighbors with grocery runs, meal drop offs, birthday celebrations, and other chores.

Pat was dedicated most to those she loved including all that she considered her family. She was a caregiver to her parents, son, other people's children and grandchildren all with grace and love. She was fun, kind, selfless, feisty, devoted and a million other things all wrapped into one loving and giving person. Anyone that knew her knew she always had to be right. She also always seemed to have what you needed, a smile, a hug, advice, that picture from a million years ago. She loved celebrating the holidays, get together's, and hosting anyone to come over for a meal or a visit as her door was always open.

She also loved to experience adventures and did so by planning travel to many different places. Her parents only ever traveled by car in her early years. She went on to travel for 6 weeks in Europe after graduating from Madison College. In 1980, she planned an elaborate trip with her entire family across the US and another to Hawaii in 1992. Later, she would travel with the grandkids to Disney and historic places that interested them. She planned them all and made sure there was something for everyone to experience.

Survivors include her loving husband of 48 years, Andy Anderson; one son: Jeff Anderson and wife Stephanie; and two grandsons: Austin (17) and Nicholas (9).

Entombment will be private at Stonewall Memory Gardens. A Celebration of Life will be held in the future for all of Pat's friends.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of flowers or you may donate to: The Regency Women's Club, c/o Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 145, Haymarket, VA 20168 in loving memory of Pat Anderson.

Condolences may be sent to: www.piercefh.com

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Tribute Wall

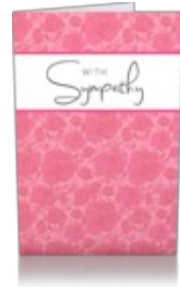
EL

“ *Its hard to believe we met Pat and the Anderson family 40 years ago, growing up on Walton Dr. Some of my favorite memories with Pat include beach trips, annual apple picking at Graves Mountain, Christmas parties, and of course the shenanigans of the adults trying to take pictures of us "kids" during each event. Pictures that in later years she turned into photo books for us to cherish always. Pat had celebrated all of our milestones from graduations, to weddings, to us having kids of our own. Thank you Pat for your thoughtfulness, generosity, and most of all your friendship to our family for so many years. Love, Elizabeth Long*

Elizabeth Long - May 05, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Finch Anderson.*



May 01, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Finch Anderson.*



April 27, 2020 at 08:20 AM

TS

“ Andy, Jeff and family - I am heartbroken to learn of Pat's passing. My family and I send out deepest sympathies. To say Pat has a special place in my heart would be a huge understatement. When I was a little girl, she and Andy were always there for me and my mom. I remember when Jeff was born and going to their house for dinner. She always included me and made me feel special. After moving back east from California in my early twenties (to be near my parents) Pat and Andy came to visit and that visit changed my life. It was probably the teacher in her that convinced me to go back to college. She somehow found that switch that made me see the light. I remember her saying "just do it, it's only two more years and no one can ever take your education away from you". So, I "just did it", and I will forever be indebted to her for her encouragement, kindness and love. I hope she knows just how much she means to me.

Teresa Shirley - April 24, 2020 at 09:53 PM

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Joyce and Del Young - April 24, 2020 at 06:25 PM

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Pat and Andy w us at Hilton Head

Joyce and Del Young - April 24, 2020 at 06:26 PM

JL

Pat and I went to high school, college and started our teaching career at Ft Hunt High School. We lived in the same neighborhoods until we moved to North Carolina. She was a dedicated teacher and always willing to help where needed. She will be missed.

June Loveless - April 28, 2020 at 10:15 PM

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Joyce and Del Young - April 24, 2020 at 06:23 PM

JY

“ *It was with great sorrow when we received the word of Pat's death. For the past 17 years we have been friends and extended family w Pat and Andy. Joyce and I have shared many travel experiences and fun times with Pat and Andy. Pat was a wonderful friend and leader in our neighborhood and she could always come up with some great events to keep all of the neighbors together. She will be greatly missed by us and all at Regency.*
Love Joyce and Del Young

Joyce and Del Young - April 24, 2020 at 05:53 PM

DL

“ I can't begin to express how much Pat meant to me and my entire family. She was always there for us in every way. Pat was like a mother to me, even though I was only a few years younger. She always gave me advice on what to do and how to do it. Along the way Pat adopted my children and grandchildren. Never forgetting any of their special occasions. We enjoyed many many times together with more memories then I can count. With a heavy heart I say good-bye. Pat, you will be missed but never forgotten.

Debbie Long - April 24, 2020 at 05:21 PM

ML

“ The sudden and unexpected loss of Pat was a shock to all who knew her. When someone loses a friend their same age it is natural for them to reflect on their own mortality, and also wonder how they will be remembered. That introspective look may be difficult. However, remembering the life of someone like Pat becomes a simple task. She was, without question, the most thoughtful and generous person I have ever known. I truly believe that anyone who knew Pat would agree wholeheartedly. She was always there with a card and gift on the special days for my family. Pat knew the birthdays of all of my grandchildren! And, I am positive she had those dates committed to memory. It is sad to say that I don't. I will always cherish the past Christmas parties that were a yearly event for our families dating back to our days in Walton. And, lets not forget “Snoopy Sheets” and “Jack”. To say that I will miss our yearly trips to Hilton Head Island is an understatement. Friendship, good food and cocktails were always the order of the day on the island. So long Pat. Matt Long

Matt Long - April 24, 2020 at 05:19 PM

TB

“ So sorry to hear of Pat's passing. I had been looking forward to sharing lunch and more memories of our days together at Fort Hunt HS. Pat was always ready to tell me and the other administrators how to run the school. She was a one of a kind personality and will be missed.

Timothy A Barr - April 24, 2020 at 12:35 PM

KE

“ Can't imagine the Regency Women's Club without Pat. She knew how to get things done and always made me laugh. She will be missed.

Kathy Elder

kathleen elder - April 24, 2020 at 11:09 AM

FG

“ Andy and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Pat may be gone, but will never ever be forgotten by so many of her friends in Regency. As you know, she was special and will be missed by so many, especially me.

Fran Gallagher

Frances Gallagher - April 22, 2020 at 06:07 PM