



Patricia Lyn James

August 13, 1948 - July 20, 2023

Patricia Lyn Earley James, 74, of Manassas, VA, passed away peacefully, July 20, 2023, surrounded by her loving family.

Born August 13, 1948, in Childress, TX to Clifton Earley and Stella Guess, Patricia (Pat) was the middle child of 5 and spent her childhood and school years in Ft. Worth, TX. She graduated in 1966 from Trimble Technical High School in Ft. Worth. Post graduation, Pat enlisted in the United States Navy where she served three years and achieved the rank of Yeoman 3rd Class prior to being honorably discharged in March 1969. It was during her time in the US Navy that she met and married William C. James.

While stationed in Corpus Christi, TX, William (Bill) and Pat served and worked together and ultimately fell in love. They married December 21, 1968, in South Padre Island and spent 55 years together, raising their family and creating a lifetime of memories.

Pat enjoyed many years as a homemaker and was actively involved in all aspects of her children's lives. From Brownie troop leader to timing races at swim meets to sewing dresses for piano recitals and being the loudest cheerleader during track meets, basketball games and many soccer games; there was nothing Pat didn't do to enhance and champion her children and their aspirations. Later in her life, she started a career in retail management and spent several years leading successful teams and numerous Linens N Things stores in the Manassas and Fairfax area. She made several friends that became lifelong connections and thanks to social media, they were able to share jokes and laughs as their lives moved in different directions.

Once retired, Pat spent her time gardening in her yard, sewing and needlepoint and doting on her five grandchildren. She also provided constant care and companionship to Bill.

Whether it was family trips to Disney World, beach trips to Ocean City, family reunions in Texas and Port Charlotte, FL - they were an unstoppable team.

Pat is survived by her husband, Bill James (Manassas, VA) and her three children; Pamela James Mulligan (Midlothian, VA) Cristen James English (Richmond, VA) Susan James Lucci (Round Hill, VA) her son-in-law, Steve Mulligan (Midlothian, VA) her five grandchildren; Peyton Mulligan (Glen Allen, VA) Ellie Mulligan (Midlothian, VA) Amelia Lucci (Round Hill, VA) Calla Lucci (Round Hill, VA) Finley English (Richmond, VA) and her sister; Wanda Reyna (Houston, TX).

Pat will be buried with military honors in Quantico National Cemetery. A graveside ceremony will take place August 2, 2023 at 10:30am.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Previous Events

Family and Friends Gathering

AUG 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia Lyn James.

July 31, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Patricia Lyn James.



July 31, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Patricia Lyn James.



July 31, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia Lyn James.

July 28, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Patricia Lyn James.



July 28, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia Lyn James.*



July 26, 2023 at 04:01 PM

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“ *One half Aunt, one half part-time handler when my parents couldn't leave me by myself as a rambunctious teen, Aunt Pat never skipped a beat. Always upbeat with that infectious laugh. She loved unconditionally. I cherish the memories of my youth with her and Uncle Bill and wish Pam, Susan and Cristen the best during their time of grief.*

Gene Reyna - July 25, 2023 at 08:12 AM

CT

“ *County T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Lyn James.*

County T. - July 24, 2023 at 12:09 PM

CT

“ *County T. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Patricia Lyn James.*



County T. - July 24, 2023 at 12:09 PM

JW

“ *Jim and Jeanne Wyatt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Lyn James.*

Jim and Jeanne Wyatt - July 23, 2023 at 10:02 PM

JW

“ *Jim and Jeanne Wyatt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patricia Lyn James.*



Jim and Jeanne Wyatt - July 23, 2023 at 10:02 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia Lyn James.*



July 22, 2023 at 10:18 PM

LC

“ *Love, Sonya, Jeff and Cinnamon purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patricia Lyn James.*



Love, Sonya, Jeff and Cinnamon - July 21, 2023 at 10:52 PM

CB

“ *Pat was such a wonderful woman and instantly included me as part of the family as soon as I met her. Cristen and I have been close friends for several years and I was made an honorary James from the get-go! I looked forward to every visit I had with she and Bill and my husband just adored them too. It had been a while since we got to visit, but she will forever be a second momma to me. Jeff and I send love and prayers to the entire family. We love you all.*
Cinnamon Balkman

Cinnamon Balkman - July 21, 2023 at 10:47 PM