



Patricia M. (Matthews) Kolarik

February 24, 1945 - March 13, 2020

LITTLETON: Patricia M. (Matthews) Kolarik, 75, of Littleton, formerly of Shirley, died peacefully Friday evening, March 13, 2020 at the Care Dimensions Hospice House, Lincoln MA.

Mrs. Kolarik was born in Forres, Scotland, United Kingdom, February 24, 1945, the second of four children of Gordon and Helen M. (McKay) Matthews. Before moving to Littleton 4 years ago, Patricia had resided in Shirley for over 20 years with her husband, Francis (Frank) L. Kolarik, Jr., who died in September 2013.

Pat was raised in Geraldton, Ontario and at the age of 16 left school to work as a hairdresser. While on a visit to the United States she met Frank, and they were married on January 18, 1964. They raised two children: Francis (Frankie) and Leslie. As an Air Force family for nearly 30 years, they moved often and lived in Washington, Ohio, Texas, Maryland, Massachusetts and Wiesbaden Germany. It was in the Air Force that she recognized her love of traveling, exploring new places and meeting and welcoming new people.

With an outgoing personality and welcoming approach, Pat enthusiastically embraced the role of homemaker and Air Force Officer's wife. She was always looking to help others and make them feel welcomed in her home, at an event or in the community.

Pat continued sharing her warmth and generosity after they left the Air Force. She was known for her kind and generous spirit, a strong sense of humor and mischief, and keeping her family and friends her priority.

When not hosting or organizing events, she worked at times as a hairdresser and as an administrative assistant. In addition to traveling, she enjoyed playing golf, bowling, listening to music and was a member of the Red Hat Club.

Although increasingly difficult, she continued to travel during her last year, making road trips to Manhattan in NYC, Burlington VT, North Conway, NH and Hilton Head, SC. She was a member of St. Anne's Church in Littleton and had formerly attended St. Anthony's Church in Shirley.

She leaves her son, Francis L. Kolarik, III of Cambridge, a daughter and son in law, Leslie A. and Tony Willson of Dunstable; a brother, Gary Matthews of Nashua, NH; a sister Heather D. Murray of Hyde Park, NY and two grandchildren, Emily Willson and James

Willson.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at a day and time to be announced at St. Anne's Church, 75 King Street, Littleton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923 or at www.caredimensions.org

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements. For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Cemetery

Center Cemetery

Brown Rd.

Shirley, MA, 01464

Comments



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Leslie, family and friends for the loss of Pat, she is a sweetheart and a wonderful woman.

Laurie Robicheau (Curtis)

Laurie Robicheau - March 22, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ I'm so sorry at the loss of Pat. One of the kindest people I've ever met. Loved her and Frank. They made you feel so at home when you went to their home. May you rest easy and you enjoy Franks company. Much much love to you.

cathy cherico - March 21, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Pat will be missed. She was a very thoughtful hostess, preparing a lovely meal, sending home leftovers for my family, followed by an evening of "Dancing with the Stars". She just loved the red hats club, got such a kick out of the whole group. Hope she is with the love of her life, Frank. God bless.
Rhonda Sullivan

Rhonda Sullivan - March 19, 2020 at 10:45 AM