



Patricia Ruth Lane

October 5, 1929 - December 3, 2012

Patricia Ruth Peyton Lane passed away peacefully on December 3, 2012 in Fort Collins, Colorado of kidney failure. She was born October 5, 1929, in Danville, Illinois to Louis Weldon and Ruth Jeanette Meyer Peyton. She leaves behind her children, Jennifer Ruth Lane James Carr of Denton, Texas, Peter James Lane of New York, New York and Amelia Ellen Amy Ozog Michael Of Fort Collins, Colorado; her grandchildren, Augustus Josef Gus Ozog and Evelyn Rose Eve Ozog; siblings Betty Lou Gaumer David Sr. deceased of Decatur, Illinois, and Louis Weldon Jim Peyton, Jr. Alice of Danville Illinois, and three nephews, two nieces and thirteen grand nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her ex-husband, Harold James Lane, and her brother-in-law, David Gaumer, Sr. She was married to Harold Lane from December 23, 1950 to February 6 1984 residing in Chicago, Ottawa and Oak Park, Illinois during this time. Pat grew up in Danville, Illinois. She attended Danville Schools and was Valedictorian of the St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing, class of 1950. She married that same year and moved to Chicago, Illinois, where she worked as a nurse, supporting her husband through Medical School. They began their family in 1954 with their daughter, Jennifer. In 1957, they moved to Ottawa, Illinois, where Pat was a homemaker, and they added two more children, Peter and Amy, to the family. In 1966 the family moved to Oak Park, Il. Pat became part of the first generation of non-traditional students to attend college. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Arts in Psychology from Rosary College in

River Forest, IL in 1975. Pat was involved in many interests and activities, both paid and unpaid, all the while being "Mom". She sewed costumes for plays and Halloween, drove the kids to countless after school music lessons and dance classes, encouraged our interests in the Arts and travel, indulged our interest in pets, including lizards and snakes, and loved us , "warts and all". Some of her other activities and interests include: PTA, Life time member of Girl Scouts of America and local council President of same., Cub Scouts, Campfire Girls, Toastmistresses, Zonta Club, local genealogy societies, member of the DAR, Music, especially piano, organ and church choir member since high school, stamp collecting, needle work, especially crewel embroidery, crochet and quilting, member of the United Methodist Churches in Danville, Ottawa, Oak Park and Decatur, IL., and of the Unitarian Universalist Churches in Decatur IL, and Fort Collins, Colorado, her children and her grandchildren, all the while living with progressive, debilitating arthritis. She was interested in genealogy, and was an early adapter to the computer in her researches and communications, using a personal computer for decades. In the 1980's and 90's, Pat worked professionally in social service as an ombudsman, and in various roles as a community health nurse in Danville, Decatur and Ottawa, IL., receiving The Illinois Governor's Award for Service to Seniors and the Community in 1997. She was loved and appreciated by many whose lives she touched. In her final years, she volunteered at the Assisted Living at Oak Ridge, Ft Collins, Colorado where she resided and participated in the "kitchen band" both there and at her final residence of Golden Peaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where she was also twice elected President of the Residents Council. She will be greatly missed.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am very sorry to hear of Pat's passing. I have very fond childhood memories of her. I will keep you each in my thoughts and prayers.

Carol Fisher Cord - December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our sympathy & prayers are extended to Pat's family. St. Elizabeth School of Nursing Alumni Assoc. Danville, Illinois

Phyllis Snider - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Enjoyed being friends with Pat when she moved back to Danville in the early 80's. Shared the interest in genealogy at IGHS. A very nice lady. May you all share many happy memories of her life.

Linda Simmons - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Your mother Pat was such a lovely lady. Her smile lit up a room. Her heart loved many. She and all of you took me under your wings when I stayed with you while student teaching. Share your memories. God Bless you.

Annette Myre Muffler - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ We members of the DHS Class of 1947 will always remember Pat for her sweet disposition, smile, great personality, and intelligence. She was in many of my classes and we sat near each other, because she was a "P" and I was an "R". She was an all round beautiful person. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Shirley Roark Crow - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM