



Patricia (Reid) MacCrea

November 9, 1931 - October 17, 2009

Patricia (Reid) MacCrea, 77, of DeWitt, passed away peacefully Saturday at home. Pat was born Nov. 3, 1931, in Glen Ridge, N.J. An SU graduate, she was an active member in the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and the Republican Party, running for Syracuse City Council in 1971. She worked for many years at the Onondaga County Department of Social Services.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert (Bob) in 1976. As the founder of the Jonathan Cancer Fund in memory of her grandson, Pat's vision was to assist with the ordinary needs of families facing extraordinary circumstances. Pat enjoyed traveling to visit family and to Europe, notably to the family's ancestral castle in Scotland. Gardening and reading were her favorite pastimes.

Pat is survived by her sister, Jackie (Herb) Allee, of Bettendorf, Iowa; four sons, Douglas (Kathy) of Ames, Iowa, Jerry of Syracuse, Stephen (Amy) of Hillsborough, N.J., and Peter (Staci) of Tully; five grandchildren, Jim, Erica (Ryan Patrick), Matt, Ryan and Rob; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1308 Meadowbrook Dr., Syracuse. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery. Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to Jonathan Cancer Fund, Inc.,
401 N. Salina St, Suite 300, Syracuse, NY 13203 or on-line at <http://www.jonathancancerfund.org>

Please sign her guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com.

Tribute Wall

LG

“ I am a medical assistant for one of her doctors and will miss Pat a great deal. She always had great stories to tell and I looked forward to seeing her. I am saddened to hear of her passing and know the world is an emptier place without her. Remember the good memories and all she has done.

Lynn Gravina - October 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Pat was the most generous and altruistic person I have had the honor to count among my friends. Even as I feel diminished by her passing, I will always be enriched by having known her. To paraphrase a much better wordsmith than I, 'she was a woman, take her for that all in all. I shall not look upon her like again.'

Cheryl Cifonelli - October 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our prayers and best wishes are with you all during this time. ---
Brad, Dianne, Carl, & Christopher Fisk, and the Troop One Family

Bradley Fisk - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Our sympathy goes out to the MacCrea sons and their families. Our wonderful memories of the kindness, warm hospitality, and practical helpfulness shown to us when we moved in next door to them on arriving in Syracuse from England in 1970 will always be remembered. Helping us find Erie Blvd to buy linen on day one; helping Susan find Ed Smith School on day 2; helping with baby sitting often; finding the best source of apples; and on and on. We and our sons John and Tom will always appreciate this warm welcome to Syracuse.

John and Susan LaGraff - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Our families deepest sympathy to yours and your families. Though never met Pat, she was an extraordinary woman in our families eyes. We too recently lost someone who meant the world to us, our daughter Tristyn to cancer. We spent lots of time at University Hospital, where we were able to be part of The Jonathan Cancer Fund, and the many people who are involved. Not knowing your mother, I can honestly say that she is wonderful and will be remembered in our family for many years to come. It truly shows that there are people out there who want to help make a difference in other's lives when they just feel there is no hope at all. Our daughter Tristyn is an Angel of Heaven, who will meet your mother at the gates with her arms wide open to help her cross the path to the beginning of her new life among all those who truly mean the most to all of us. Sincerely, The Eaton Family

Courtney and Allen Eaton - October 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Uncle Pete, Aunt Staci, and Robbie- I'm so sorry I can't come to the funeral on Saturday. If I -could- be there, I would. I love you guys and I miss you lots. 'Grandma Pat' was a wonderful woman and I'm glad I got the chance to know her. If you guys need anything, you know where to find me. I love you guys! ~Krystal :o)

Krystal Van Tine - October 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear MacCreas, I was shocked and sadden to hear from Jackie and Herb on Friday about Pat's illness. Then, soon after, to hear about her death. The Spencer/Reid clan, and now MacCrea clan, is probably having dinner and playing cards together in heaven this evening. My husband, Walt, and I are sorry we are unable to attend the funeral on Saturday. Pat was so generous when my mother was ill that we feel especially badly not to be able to attend. With love,
Sandra

Sandra Spencer - October 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ There are no words. A legacy to honor. Your Mom always had a smile, a kind word and a joy for life. I am honored to have been included in her life. Peace

Nancy Conley - October 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I'm sorry for your family's loss. Pat started a fine organization and was a nice lady. She will be missed.

Al Bergman - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *My deepest sympathies to all in the MacCrea clan. Pat was a sweet lady and will be remembered fondly by all.*

Bill Scheer - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *We send special love and deep sympathy to our Nephews Doug, Jerry, Steve, Peter and their families. We have shared many happy family times together, and we will treasure these memories of being with Pat for a lifetime. Lois and Richard Daubenspeck*

Lois MacCrea & Richard Edward Daubenspeck - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *I'm very sorry to hear about the loss of you mom. She was a great woman, and will be deeply missed.*

Bill Andrews - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Much sympathy to all. I will be unable to attend since I will be out of town. Pat was a good friend.*

Peg Hennigan - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Very sorry to hear of you loss. Your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. Have very fond memories of your mom!*

Karen Lytle Lange - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM