



Patricia Kathleen Murphy

January 2, 2008

Patricia K. Murphy, 59, of Camillus, passed away at Syracuse Home in Baldwinsville following a battle with ALS – Lou Gehrig's disease. Born in Syracuse she graduated in 1966 from West Genesee High School, she earned her Bachelor's Degree at SUNY, Potsdam College and her Master's at Florida State University. She taught in Florida and in Fairfax, VA where she was a reading specialist. She planned reading programs and brought noted storytellers, Rafe Martin and Donald Davis, to her school for the children to enjoy. Enthused about reading and its importance in education, she haunted bookstores selecting books for her school. She retired from teaching after 25 years and entered the culinary field. She was accepted at the Culinary Institute of America at Hyde Park, graduated with an Associate Degree in Pastry Arts. She worked at Otesaga Inn at Cooperstown, the Trapp Family Lodge in Vermont, the Patisserie in Baldwinsville (with her brother-in-law, John) and at L'Adour in Syracuse. Pat enjoyed children's books, gourmet cooking, traveling and her family, especially her nephews, Ryan and Brendan. She donated two antique children's desks from the old Brighton School where she attended, together with her extensive collection of children's books to the McKinley Brighton School. Survivors include her parents Ed and Natalie Murphy of Camillus; her sister, Pam (John) Carroll of Camillus; a brother, D'Arcy Murphy of Daytona Beach, FL; a brother Dexter (Pearl) Murphy and nephews Ryan and Brendan of Stonington, CT. Two devoted health care friends who cared for Pat are Dawn and Patti. They're fondly remembered.

Pat's family thanks all of the staff at Syracuse Home and Hospice of CNY for there excellent care and compassion. Calling hours will be 4 to 7 Thursday at B.L. Bush & Sons, 10 Genesee St. Camillus. Memorial Services are 11 am Friday at Robinson Memorial Church, 126 South Terry Rd, Syracuse, NY 13219. Burial will be in Onondaga Valley Cemetery. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to Robinson Memorial Church or Hospice, 990 7th North St., Liverpool, NY 13088. Please sign her guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Tribute Wall

AM

“ To the Murphy Family, I grew up on Parsons Road and remember Pat very fondly from the neighborhood and school. I am so sorry to hear of her illness and passing from ALS. My best regards, Anne Kasper Morgan

Anne Kasper Morgan - January 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ To the Murphy family, I just to say how much fun we had together from elementary school thru high school at West Genny. I'm sorry our friendship never continued as our lives took separate journeys, and even more sorry I did not know of Pat's illness. I would have liked to rekindled our lost frienship and tried to help her through this difficult time. My so sincerest condolences to you and your family.

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NV

“ Dear Aunt Natalie and Uncle Edmund, In our grandmother’s room, we memorized this poem, and years later Patty recited it to me as she planted a tree in the front yard of my first home. I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree. A tree whose hungry mouth is prest Against the earth's sweet flowing breast; A tree that looks at God all day And lifts her leafy arms to pray; A tree that may in Summer wear A nest of robins in her hair; Upon whose bosom snow has lain; Who intimately lives with rain. Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree. ~Joyce Kilmer, "Trees," 1914 Patty and I were more than cousins, we were friends. I remember the laughter and the love we shared as children, and the crazy adventures we shared as young adults in her little VW Bug. Patty faced her battle with courage and steadfastness. I am grateful that today she is with God. I will miss her, her laughter, her constant curiosity, her dignity and her grace. I love you both!

Nancy Vepraskas - January 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Pat was a terrific person not only did I know her from Car-Lo's but also from Durston's. To Mr and Mrs Murphy my heart felt sympathy she put up a great fight and will be remembered fondly by many. God Bless you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely Clare Rothschild

Clare Rothschild - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ What a wonderful friend she was to me over all these years! Chuck, Heather, Michael, and I are so sorry!

Diane Stewart - January 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Pat will always be in our hearts, we loved her spirit and enthusiasm for life. We knew her in Potsdam and in Syracuse. She was our bridesmaid in 1970 and we tried to stay in touch with her, but our paths diverged. She'll always be alive and well and smiling in our minds.

Dorothy & Manny Sieradzki - January 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I am deeply sorry to hear about the death of Pat. I enjoyed working with her at Lynbrook School in Virginia. She was an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marge Besachio - January 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I am deeply saddened on the passing of Pat. I knew Pat when she taught at Lynbrook Elementary in Virginia. She always showed enthusiasm and dedication in teaching children reading. She was truly a gem. The teaching world has lost one of its greatest assets. My sympathy to all of her family and friends.

Judy Farabaugh - January 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to Natalie, Ed and all of Pat's family. We will remember Pat as an interesting conversationalist and a beautiful personality.

Elaine Flindt - January 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My deepest sympathy to Pat's family. I worked with Pat at Lynbrook School in Fairfax and remember her smile and long stride as she walked quickly between classrooms. Every year Pat would receive beautiful roses on her birthday, and the office staff would both tease and envy her. One year she arrived at my home on my birthday with roses for me, saying she knew I enjoyed hers and she wanted me to have my own. It's a wonderful memory of a special person.

Salley Sutton - January 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ I am deeply saddened by the death of Pat. I had the pleasure of working with her at Lynbrook School and lost touch when she changed professions. I often would think of her and what she might be doing. She was such a kind and generous person and touched the lives of so many young children. I will always remember what a wonderful cook she was (have some of her receipes), her blue VW, her reading room filled with books, her beautiful hair and loving spirit and her endless friendship. My prayers go out to her family in the loss of their dear Pat. God Bless, Lori

Lori Tate - January 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Murphy Family, We may have lost Pat through our eyes but never in our memorys. I didn't know Pat for very long but boy did we click together we had alot of laughs and good times. I could get Pat to do anything but let me toss the papers to the trash, I told her God better have a big place for you and all those darn papers, she would laugh. Pat was a special lady.

Dawn Gratien - January 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Pam and John, I am so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. she was a wonderful person. You have our deepest sympathy. Cheryl and Neil Smith

Cheryl Smith - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Mr and Mrs Murphy, our sympathies are with you and your family. She was a very nice person, just like the rest of her family.

rob parsons - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Dear Ones, We are grateful to have known Pat and you all through the years and will hold you each in our loving prayers. Barbara John and Nate Willson

Barbara Willson - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

YG

“ Dear Patricia, we wont forget your smile and the great time I had to work with you. Yann and staff at L'Adour restaurant

Yann Guigne - January 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM