



Patricia L. Young-Gruber

August 28, 1958 - June 30, 2021

Trish Gruber, 62, of Chestertown, wife of James Gruber, died June 30, 2021, at home. Born Patricia Lysbeth Young on Aug. 28, 1958, she was the daughter of the late Rev. David T. and Peggylou (Laughead) Young.

Trish grew up in Finleyville, Pa., where her father was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Her mother was a registered nurse. Their home was filled with books and music. She was a creative person who was an accomplished musician at a young age and also a talented artist and photographer.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a brother, Mark, whom she selflessly cared for after he suffered a stroke. She had also been her mother's final caregiver. Survivors, in addition to her husband, Jim, whom she married in 1983, include two brothers, Mike (Glenda) and Brian (Margie) Young; father-in-law, Henry Gruber; two sisters-in-law, Janice Haney (Chuck) and Margie Young (Brian); and three brothers-in-law, Phil (Donna), Ray (Sung) and Hank Gruber; 11 nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

Trish was a graduate of Ringgold High School, Class of 1976, and a 1980 graduate of West Virginia University, where she also did postgraduate work.

She was an interpretive naturalist who shared her love of the environment with others through teaching and leading by example.

Trish then started Chestertown Natural Foods in 1993 and with Jim grew it into a thriving business, helping people change their lives for the better.

Most of all, though, Trish was a loving daughter, sister and wife — intelligent and funny, kind and compassionate, and strong, determined and resilient.

She was a beautiful person inside and out.

Her presence would light up a room. Her absence leaves many broken hearts.

Instead of a service, Trish wanted to invite people to visit with her family. The visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 10, in Chestertown at Fellows, Helfinbein & Newnam Funeral Home, which is in charge of arrangements. To send online condolences, please visit www.fhnfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, donations in Trish's name can be made to the Foreman's Branch Bird Observatory at the Center for Environment & Society, Washington College, 485 S. Cross

St., Chestertown, MD 21620; and Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD, US, 21620

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 09, 2021 at 09:09 AM



“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of Trish's passing. As a visitor to Chestertown Natural Foods she always made me feel welcome by spending time passing on her knowledge about the natural world and how adhering to the ways of nature led to a cleaner life for all. I'll cherish her impact on my life and that of her community, industry and world. May she and her loved ones be at peace - Brett Naylor

T. Brett Naylor - November 18, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ I will miss Trish. I often took up much of her time with questions and she was always gracious to me and never made me feel like I was a bother. I have had a hard time going back because I feel so bad she's not there. She really cared about people and loved what she did. Her store was always a bright spot in Chestertown. I really will miss her. I feel so bad for Jim and everyone who was close to her. I need to go back to the shop soon but it's just been sad for me.



Jen Quade - September 03, 2021 at 12:04 AM



“ Cindy King lit a candle in memory of Patricia L. Young-Gruber



Cindy King - July 23, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ Linda And Jon Hanley lit a candle in memory of Patricia L. Young-Gruber



Linda and Jon Hanley - July 09, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ I was sad to learn of Trish's passing and hope that fond memories of her powerful and engaged life will sustain those who survive her. She was an amazing person. I have missed her lately at the store and regret that I will not be seeing her there again.

Carol Casey

Carol Casey - July 08, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ I am still reeling over Trish's passing! I only knew her through the Natural Foods Store which we are so grateful to have in Chestertown. While I did not know her well there was a sense of a kindred spirit in our shared commitment to environment and healthy living. Very sad to hear she has left us this early in life! My heart goes out to Jim, her family and close friends. This is a sad reminder to never wait to get to know someone more before it's too late.

Rebecca Flora - July 08, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ 4 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 07, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia L. Young-Gruber.



July 07, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ 24 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 07, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ Only knowing her as Chestertown's organic food guru I'm fascinated with the many facets of Trish. As much as she will be missed she sure left Chestertown a better place

Dorothy Carpenter - July 07, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ George Ball lit a candle in memory of Patricia L. Young-Gruber



George Ball - July 06, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the family - Trish gave her time and expertise so effortlessly to so many of us - she will be deeply missed

emma shivers - July 06, 2021 at 07:40 PM



“ Sara & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Patricia L. Young-Gruber



Sara & David Quinn - July 06, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ Cathy Legg lit a candle in memory of Patricia L. Young-Gruber



Cathy Legg - July 06, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ It will be hard to go to the store and not see Trish and get her advice. My thoughts and prayers to all of her family.



Suzanne Jackson - July 06, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ Janet Seward lit a candle in memory of Patricia L. Young-Gruber



Janet Seward - July 06, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ She was always one of my favorite people in High School. I have tried in recent years to find her. Gentle soul. You are in my prayers, I wish I could have connected.

Laurel Crompton Wright



Laurel Wright - July 06, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ Patricia & Billy Sutton lit a candle in memory of Patricia L. Young-Gruber



Patricia & Billy Sutton - July 06, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ Jim, My thoughts and prayers are with you, your family and the team at Chestertown Natural Foods. ~Brenda Lyons



Brenda K Lyons - July 06, 2021 at 07:21 AM



“ Geri Garvin lit a candle in memory of Patricia L. Young-Gruber



Geri Garvin - July 05, 2021 at 09:21 PM



“ Thelma Bright lit a candle in memory of Patricia L. Young-Gruber



Thelma Bright - July 04, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Trish will be sorely missed by so many as she helped so many of us live more healthful lives. RIP

Sincerely, Thelma Bright

Thelma Bright - July 04, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Jim and family. Diane & Basil Wadkovsky

Diane M. Wadkovsky - July 06, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ Trish was a unique and wonderful treasure who will be sorely missed. My deepest, heartfelt condolences to you, Jim, and your and Trish's families.

Paula Reeder

Paula Reeder - July 07, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia L. Young-Gruber.



July 04, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ Jim and everyone at CNF, thinking of you with deepest sympathy.



Betta Fraccaroli - July 04, 2021 at 09:09 AM



“ Jim, Thoughts and prayers



Lee Phillips - July 03, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ Prayers and heart felt sympathy to Patricia's family.



Suzanne Jackson - July 03, 2021 at 12:02 PM