



Clare "Pat" Stevens Ingersoll

March 17, 1925 - September 23, 2017

Clare Stevens "Pat" Ingersoll, 92, a devoted Christian, wife, mother, business owner, scholar, and community supporter, died on September 23, 2017, from complications of pneumonia. She was surrounded by her family, a team of care givers, in Hospice at the time.

Born in New York City on March 17, 1925, Clare was the first child of Byam Kirby and Clare Reynders Stevens. Because of her Saint Patrick's Day birth, Clare was soon and forevermore dubbed as Pat. In her earliest years, Pat was raised in Cedarhurst, Long Island, and attended the Lawrence School then Greenvale Schools. She chose St. Timothy's in Catonsville, MD, for prep school and enrolled in Bryn Mawr College as a freshman in 1942. However, Pat would only attend Bryn Mawr for a year before falling in love with Daniel Winthrop Ingersoll and marrying him on June 19, 1943. Finishing college would have to wait for Pat as four sons were born.

In the decades of the late 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, Pat raised her four sons while co-operating both a farm and a marine business on the farm. The marine business was known as Silver Hill Shop and stayed open from 1953-1982. Pat did all the financial, billing, and inventory work that that the business required. During that same time period, Pat ensured that her children were receiving a good education by supporting the local public schools and helping create the first public library in Kent County. She was a Kent County Public

Library Trustee from 1961-1977 and a Kent County PTA President and supporter from 1950-1967. Additionally, Pat had the distinction of performing as a Kent County Judge of Elections from 1946 to 2006. She never missed an election during those 60 years.

During all the years her boys were growing, the idea of returning to college never left Pat's mind. In 1965, she began taking University of Maryland courses at the Army Nike Base in Tolchester, MD. By 1967, enough of the children were out of the house and Pat continued her education at Washington College, B.A. 1971. She did not stop there, receiving her Masters in Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1974 and was A.B.D (all but dissertation) in sociology at the University of Pennsylvania in 1980.

Pat's hobbies and interests included knitting, doing needle point (won a First at the Timonium Fair), watching Jeopardy (was a contestant), traveling, often with grandchildren (Ireland, France, the Soviet Union), learning languages (French, Latin, German, Greek). Before Google, Pat was the source for information and a fount of knowledge, aka "Mrs. Webster" and "CompuMom."

In the past few decades, Pat devoted her attention to serving her college, church, and community. She served on the Board of Visitors and Governors for Washington College from 1987-2001 and on the Women's League of Washington College. At St. Paul's Church, she was a Lay Reader, Eucharistic Minister, and member of the choir in which she continued to sing for as long as she could. In the local community, she supported the Mid-Shore Symphony and the National Music Foundation, sang in the Kent County Chorale, and donated to almost any charity that asked for her help.

She will be missed by her family and friends, including a group of her friends who met on Tuesdays for lunch over several decades.

Pat was predeceased by her husband, Daniel Winthrop, and sister Evelena Stevens Kenworthy Oakes. She is survived by her brother, Byam Kirby Stevens, Jr.; her four sons, Daniel W. Jr. (Kathleen), Robert H. (Gayle), William S. (Susan), Jared W. (Elizabeth); her grandchildren, Kristen Stevens Ingersoll, Brian Carswell Ingersoll, Daniel Winthrop Ingersoll (IV), Erica Lynn Ingersoll Arnold Semler, Abigail Leigh Ingersoll-Gilbertson, Nathanael Evan Ingersoll, Joseph Henry Mills, Katherine Mills, Clare Kelly Ingersoll, Lila Kipling Ingersoll; and her great-grandchildren, Grady West Ingersoll, Audrey Sophia Gilbertson, Kirk Dean Arnold, Lyndsay Arnold, Eleanor Carroll Ingersoll, and Alice Clarke Ingersoll.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Washington College or St. Paul's Kent.

There will be a memorial service at St. Paul's Kent, Saturday, October 28, at 11 a.m., immediately followed by a reception at the Parish House.

Cemetery Details

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Kent
7760 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Clare "Pat" Stevens Ingersoll*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 24, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ *Clare "Pat" Stevens Ingersoll*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Clare "Pat" Stevens Ingersoll*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Clare "Pat" Stevens Ingersoll*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



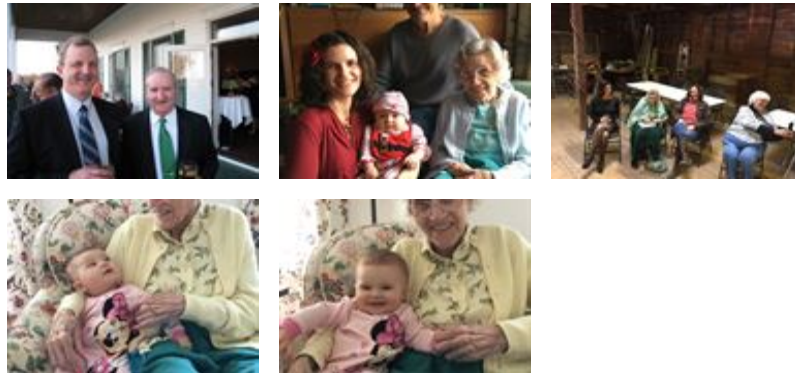
“ *Rita Kulley lit a candle in memory of Clare "Pat" Stevens Ingersoll*



Rita Kulley - October 29, 2017 at 08:21 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 24, 2017 at 08:36 AM

MH

“ *What a wonderful legacy she has left! Pat was a great friend to my mom. She was a special "other mother" to me when I was in high school. A wise and wonderful woman. Love to you all.*



Marty Silcox Hankins - September 27, 2017 at 06:42 AM

Sophia Colley

“ *Sophia Colley lit a candle in memory of Clare "Pat" Stevens Ingersoll*



Sophia Colley - September 27, 2017 at 12:28 AM

BP

“ I have known Pat for so long, and feel so blessed to have known her wit and kindness. She has always had a very special place in my heart. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Barbara Parker - September 26, 2017 at 11:53 PM

MS

“ Mary Simmons lit a candle in memory of Clare "Pat" Stevens Ingersoll



Mary Simmons - September 26, 2017 at 06:48 PM

NT

“ Nancy Toy lit a candle in memory of Clare "Pat" Stevens Ingersoll



Nancy Toy - September 26, 2017 at 05:00 PM

NT

She was a remarkable and lovely lady and will be missed by many.

Nancy Toy - September 26, 2017 at 05:02 PM

DS

“ We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of this great lady. Love and sympathy to you all.
Todd and Diane Smith



Diane Smith - September 26, 2017 at 12:53 PM

LF

“ I remember Jared's Mother, which is who she was to me, sitting in the back of the classroom in Elementary School when it was "parent's day", or whatever it was called back then, knitting, always knitting. She was the epitome of motherhood and the Ingersoll children are so fortunate to have had her for so long. You all look just like her and so you will carry on. Liz Fleetwood



LIZ FLEETWOOD - September 25, 2017 at 11:36 PM

TJ

“ Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Clare "Pat" Stevens Ingersoll



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - September 24, 2017 at 09:49 PM