



Patricia Joan Moore Sorenson

March 28, 1928 - October 6, 2015

Patricia Joan Moore was born March 28, 1928, in Jackson Heights, NY, to Hilbert and Florence Moore. The family moved a lot to accommodate her father's work including his groundbreaking consultation for Bell Labs on the first transistor. She adored her father and strove for "A's" in all domains of her life. In 1940, the family lived in Pluckemon, NJ, where Patsy graduated from high school and went to work in retail in Summit, NJ.

In 1947, she met George Newell Karner a handsome Chief Petty Officer of the Navy. They married and had two daughters. Pat was active in the community as a girl scout leader, Sunday School teacher, and mentor of local youth in the First Presbyterian Church Plainfield, NJ. Acting on her intellectual curiosity, she went back to school and, in 1976, received her BA in psychology from Rutgers University. Pat had remarried to John Sorenson in 1974, and they lived in Philadelphia and Maryland. She retired from her career in management at Allstate Insurance Company in 1988 and continued her social service assisting local churches get food to those who needed it; reading to young children at a local day-care where she was excitedly known as "Miss Pat," teaching Sunday School, and driving older neighbors to their appointments.

She loved gardening, participating in a book club, joining an investment club, and being an avid hooker creating many original beautiful works of art.

She is survived by her sister Michelle Wertheim; nieces and nephews; her daughters, Deborah and Pamela Karner; grandchildren, Molly and Zachary; and her stepchildren, Mark and Marael Sorenson.

On November 14 at 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Church Hill, MD, there will be a gravesite service followed by a reception where people are invited to share memories and celebrate the dynamic life of Patricia Sorenson.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local food bank.

Cemetery Details

St. Lukes Cemetery

Church Hill, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Joan Moore Sorenson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Patricia Joan Moore Sorenson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Pat was a special friend. I met her when we began our investment club and she became one of our experts and cheered us on. She continued to support Clic and the club still holds J and J , her favorite. When we began our Book Club, Pat happily joined in and regaled us with many of her wonderful experiences. When I worked on the Library Board and began Storytime of Wheels, Pat again joined in to read to home day care children. I loved seeing her work on her hooking projects and talking about dyeing fabrics to a special shade. We shall miss her..her wit, her enthusiasm and her friendship. Jack and Nancy Covert*

Nancy Covert - November 12, 2015 at 04:03 PM



“ *Mrs. Sorenson will always be one of the kindest and sweetest women I have ever met. She made going to church even more of a blessing and to have grown up around and serve with her was an experience that I will always cherish. Being a teacher was always her way but I believe everyone was better for her lessons.*

Jordan Calloway - October 29, 2015 at 11:58 PM

AC

“ Pat was such an enthusiastic and fun-loving person. She was inspiring to be around. Pat loved to read to children during Vacation Bible School here at St Luke's Parish and was always willing to help with any project. She loved to talk about her family and interesting life and did so with such pride and joy. We have missed her since her move to Philadelphia. She enriched all of our lives in so many ways. God bless you, Pat! ,Love, Ann and Bob Campbell

Ann and Bob Campbell - October 29, 2015 at 04:55 PM

SC

“ Pat was a cherished friend at St. Luke's in Church Hill. She was so engaging and open, and was someone I looked up to. Pat was also a favorite with my kids, and her sense of humor created a common bond with them. I've missed her since she moved! We were lucky enough to stay in her Philly home for a long weekend several years ago, and it is a treasured family memory. Love you, Pat!

Sue Calloway - October 28, 2015 at 07:30 PM

TB

“ Pat was a delightful person, whom I called a friend. We took hooking class together and she was so talented with her pieces. Hope she found a hooking class in heaven.

Toni Breeding - October 28, 2015 at 11:37 AM

BK

It was always a joy to be with Pat. We had fun developing her many beautiful hooked pieces. Each one held a memory for her. She was very talented and resourceful. She was an inspiration in many ways.

Betty Kerr

Betty Kerr - October 29, 2015 at 04:45 PM