



Patricia Anne Schwaninger

February 18, 1944 - August 26, 2025

Patricia Anne Schwaninger, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully at her home in Trappe, Maryland, surrounded by her family on August 26, 2025, at the age of 81. Born in Baltimore on February 18, 1944, she was the daughter of Raymond Marshall and Frances (Frale) Marshall.

Pat married Charles M. Schwaninger and together they created a warm, loving home on the Eastern Shore filled with years of happiness and devotion. Pat was devoted to her family, which includes their son, Charles W. Schwaninger (Jin); granddaughter Kiera Anna May; grandson Charles E. Schwaninger; granddaughter Cami Schwaninger Nelson (Scott); and great-granddaughters Raydi and Zenley. She is also survived by her sister, Donna Sebeniecher, and brothers Maurice Marshall (Carol) and Greg Marshall.

A proud graduate of Eastern High School's class of 1962, Pat earned her master's degree in psychology from Washington College. She began her career as a librarian at Johns Hopkins Medical Library and later worked at the Talbot County Library, before joining the developmental unit for individuals with physical and mental disabilities in Easton.

Pat dedicated much of her career to public health and hygiene. She worked with the Dorchester County Health Department and the Maryland State

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Her expertise earned her an appointment by Governor William D. Shaffer to serve on the State Board of Sanitarians, where she helped revise and establish national standards for registered sanitarians.

Pat's love of travel led her across the United States and abroad, always with her family by her side. She was known for her compassion, generosity, and a special fondness for animals, gardening, and reading. Pat touched the lives of all who knew her with her kindness and steadfast support, leaving a legacy of love and courage.

She is survived by a grateful family and community, who will miss her deeply and remember her for her strength, compassion, and unwavering guidance.

A funeral service to honor Patricia's life will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 1:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 200 South Harrison Street, Easton, MD. Friends may visit one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Pat's memory to a charity of their choice.

The Schwaninger family wishes to thank everyone for their kind words, support, and condolences during this difficult time.

"We never lose the ones we love, for even in death, their love lives on in our hearts."

Cemetery Details

White Marsh Cemetery

Manadier Rd
Trappe, MD 21673
(410) 310-9316

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. - Easton
200 S. Harrison St.
Easton, MD 21601

Service

SEP 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

SEP 13 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CL

“ Carolyn L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Anne Schwaninger.

Carolyn L. - September 10, 2025 at 08:33 AM

TF

“ Aunt Pat was an amazing woman, she always had a smile on her face and loved to make you laugh. She always remembered birthdays, graduations etc.. We could always count on getting a card from her. She will be missed.

Tracy Favre - September 08, 2025 at 05:28 PM

DC

“ Deborah C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Anne Schwaninger.

Deborah C. - September 07, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ Prayers and hugs to Charles, Charlie and all the family. She was a lovely spunky lady. She will be missed.



Sandy Price - September 04, 2025 at 12:00 PM

CS

“ *Such a dear friend! We are saddened to lose her but rejoice she is free of pain and suffering. We will always remember her love of family, animals, and sports cars and Corvettes! Pat was an intelligent, kind person and a good friend. May Heaven have a sold gold Corvette for her to drive. Sending love to all the family. The Sewells*

Cathy Sewell - August 30, 2025 at 12:51 PM

WS

“ *To Charles and family. So sorry to hear this now she will not have anymore suffering and pain. May she RIP. Love and prayers*



Walt Judy Schwaninger - August 28, 2025 at 01:24 PM

KM

“ *I knew Mrs. Pat when she was a Maryland state health inspector. When I worked at the university of maryland in college park she would always inspect the university pools (1997-2004). After graduating MSP in 2006 and meeting my future wife Elizabeth Sewell in Trappe Maryland, Elizabeth's dad John Sewell and Mr. Charles Schwaniger were best friends and grade school classmates and after graduating went to University of Maryland attending college where Mr. Charles met Pat. I was reunited with Mrs. Pat at our wedding in 2008. What a small world.*



Ken Myers - August 27, 2025 at 10:34 PM