



## Patricia Robinson Stires

December 30, 1946 - July 23, 2023

It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Patricia Robinson Stires, 76, on July 23, 2023, at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Patricia lived in Queenstown for 23 years.

Patricia was born on December 30, 1946, in Zanesville, OH, to James Robinson and Evelyn Rittler and grew up in southern Ohio, attending a one-room schoolhouse. After graduating from Mount Gilead High School in Northern, OH, where she was a star actress, she moved to Washington, DC, to do office work for the FBI. There she met her first husband, Terry Alan Ross of Byron, GA. Patricia and Terry lived in West Berlin and Turkey for several years while Terry served in the U.S. Air Force.

Patricia later attended Bowie State and Catholic University, respectively, where she received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Social Work. On September 23, 1975, Patricia and Terry had their only child, a daughter, Heather Jadwin Ross.

Patricia's social work career began in Annapolis, MD, with Child Protective Services and resumed on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, when she, husband Terry, and daughter Heather moved to Kent Island, MD, in 1981.

On October 8, 1988, Patricia married John Stires at St. Paul's Church in Centreville, MD. Patricia had a long and satisfying career as a social worker, creating lasting and positive changes in many lives, due to her kindness, compassion, and care. During her career, Patricia worked at several Eastern Shore mental health clinics, as a school-based therapist where she pioneered Respite Program for teenagers and was CEO of five mental health clinics which she worked diligently to save from privatization. She then had her own private practice until retirement.

Patricia enjoyed spending time with friends and family including going to the ocean, camping, and traveling from Washington, DC, to Gettysburg. She traveled once with husband John to Scotland and twice to Ireland, one time entering the inner sanctuary at New Grange. Patricia and John also traveled with their friends of the U.S. Lifesaving Station Heritage Association to Sleeping Bear Dunes in Michigan, Nantucket, San Francisco, Astoria, the Great Lakes, Erie, PA, and Chicamacomico in North Carolina.

Patricia enjoyed reading books and magazines, cooking new recipes for family dinners, shopping with her granddaughters, listening to Irish music, and experiencing Christmas time.

Patricia leaves behind her husband, John Stires; daughter, Heather Norfolk; two granddaughters, Mallory and Allison Norfolk of Queenstown; former husband and Heather's father, Terry Ross, of Byron, GA; brother, Steve Robinson of Mt. Gilead, OH; cat "Rusty;" and many other dear friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to Haven Ministries, P.O Box 44, Chester, MD 21619.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619

## Memorial Service

AUG 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia Robinson Stires*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - August 02, 2023 at 01:58 PM

CA

*Beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady. Go rest high on that mountain. You will surely be missed.*

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**Cherry Lynn (Ross) Arrowsmith** - August 02, 2023 at 07:06 PM

SK

*Dear John and Heather--I am so sorry to hear of your loss--I will always be thankful to Patricia for opening her home to us to celebrate the holidays with friends and coworkers--always so warm and welcoming--I know Patricia will be with you both in spirit forever more! With love and gratitude,*

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**Shelley Kosisky** - October 09, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ *Patricia Robinson Stires*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

SK

“ Shelley Kosisky lit a candle in memory of Patricia Robinson Stires



Shelley Kosisky - October 09, 2023 at 02:13 PM

HN

“ I want to thank everyone who attended mom's service in person and in spirit. It was a surreal day and it's going to take a long time to heal for everyone. We were all lucky to have mom in our lives but her spirit will never die. She and I were so close; she will always live in my heart and soul. She talked with me about when this day would come, she would want me to live and enjoy life to the fullest and never just give up. I told her I didn't think I could. But she always had enormous faith in me, even if I didn't. I will say that mom isn't here physically, but she has never left my side through this. Her presence is felt through it all and whatever I'd want to ask her, in my heart, I know what she would say. As she was always so close to me, she will be always. She will always be with us. And her life continues through her granddaughters, my stepfather, John, and all friends and family who she loved. Love you all. Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and love. Thank you for being these for mom.

Heather Norfolk - August 04, 2023 at 07:59 AM

AS

“ Patricia was a tireless advocate for victims and I was blessed to be a colleague with her helping children and families.

April Sharp - August 02, 2023 at 08:50 PM

DJ

“ Dawn Jones lit a candle in memory of Patricia Robinson Stires



Dawn Jones - August 01, 2023 at 07:07 PM

AF

“ Aunt Louise and Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia Robinson Stires.



Aunt Louise and Families - August 01, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patricia Robinson Stires.



August 01, 2023 at 01:06 PM

KM

“ The sky just added one more star. You will truly be missed.

Kimberly S Mann - August 01, 2023 at 12:57 PM

EF

“ We will always love and remember you. Your walk on this earth was much too short.

*Eddie and Frank Filemyr*

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**Eddie and Frank Filemyr** - August 01, 2023 at 12:49 PM

PW

“ My deepest sympathy to John and the rest of the family. Patricia will be greatly missed.

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**Penelope S Watson** - July 31, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ Inez Thompson lit a candle in memory of Patricia Robinson Stires



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**Inez Thompson** - July 31, 2023 at 12:03 AM

JM

“ I already feel lost without my closest cousin. I will always miss her and our frequent talks. May your memories make you smile and give you peace.

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**Judy Moffett** - July 30, 2023 at 09:35 PM

GW

“ *Patricia's spirit was as remarkable as her many talents. I was touched by her warmth and nurturing ways, her determination, her hard work, her laughter. I admired her dedication to those less fortunate, as a perseverant and passionate advocate for mental health. May her legacy inspire us all. She will be sorely missed.*

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**Gail Weissert** - July 30, 2023 at 05:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia Robinson Stires.*



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July 30, 2023 at 08:17 AM