



Ms. Mary Patricia "Trish" Byrnes

December 19, 1942 - September 24, 2023

On September 24, 2023, Mary Patricia "Trish" Byrnes died of complications from lymphoma. Born in Baltimore on December 19, 1942, Ms. Byrnes was the second daughter of Judge Joseph R. and Anne Sullivan Byrnes. Ms. Byrnes attended Institute of Notre Dame and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from George Washington University in 1978.

In 1969 Ms. Byrnes moved to Washington, DC, to become an administrative assistant to E. Clinton Bamberger, Jr., Dean of Catholic University's School of Law. In 1978, Ms. Byrnes joined the Carter administration serving as administrative assistant to the deputy counsel to President Jimmy Carter. "This was one of the most exciting times in my life," she said. After the change in administrations, Ms. Byrnes joined the Defenders of Wildlife, as editorial assistant. Two years later, she became an assistant editor at The Wilderness Society Magazine, where she remained for the next twelve years.

In 1996, she returned home to Baltimore and took a job with Ottenheimer Publishing where she wrote and edited children's books. In 1998, Ms. Byrnes wrote a book called Environmental Pioneers, which was nominated for an award. Ms. Byrnes worked as a freelance writer, publishing articles in both the former Maryland section of The Washington Post and in The Baltimore Sun. Her most recent 2020 article titled "One Maryland woman's push for voting rights in the 1600s", highlighted Margaret Brent's determination and

successes in colonial Maryland.

In her free time, Ms. Byrnes was a regular volunteer tour guide at the historic Hampton Mansion.

Ms. Byrnes is survived by her siblings Nancy Byrnes Martel, Judge J. Norris Byrnes, Judge John Carroll Byrnes and Mary Byrnes Bollinger. Her brother, David Micheal Byrnes, predeceased her. She is the beloved aunt of twelve nieces and nephews and sixteen great nieces and nephews. They will remember her for her sense of style, her singing in harmony, her advocacy for the environment and her love of life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception
200 Ware Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Tribute Wall

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“ I went to IND with Trish. She was a very nice and fun friend. I did not see her over the last years, but was happy to see she had several distinguished careers. My sincere condolences to her family. May Trish rest in peace.

*Lucy Harris March
York, Pennsylvania*

Lucy March - October 02, 2023 at 10:55 AM