



Mrs. Patricia Smith Wright

May 22, 1935 - July 4, 2014

Patricia (Patti) was born and raised in Thayer, Missouri. The eldest of three children of Dr. Elmer O. Smith and Pearl (Wood) Smith, she was a child of many interests and talents. She enjoyed sports, especially softball, and was a devoted fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. She was often seen around town wearing her Cardinals ball cap. Patti had an active curiosity about many subjects and was an avid reader. Talented musically, Patti played clarinet in the high school band, and accompanied school choirs and soloists on the piano. She taught herself how to play the organ and used her talent for that in her family's church. Patti graduated at the top of her class in high school.

Patti was a graduate of the University of Missouri, where she met her future husband, Kenneth T. Wright, Jr., of Towson, Maryland, then a master's candidate in the department of Classical Languages and Archaeology. The couple was married in Towson, on June 19, 1957. Patti received a Master of Science in Library Science from Villanova University. Her first position as a librarian was at the Library of Social Work at the University of Pennsylvania. From 1967 until her retirement in 1997, she worked at Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, Virginia. She began as circulation librarian, then served as reference librarian, and ultimately became head cataloguer. On two occasions she was acting head librarian. Patti retired as Professor Emerita of Library Science.

Patti had a keen intellect and shared a scholarly life with her husband. They traveled throughout Greece together and she grew to love the country and its people. She enjoyed baseball, lacrosse, and her garden. She was an affectionate, generous and loving mother, and was a great source of comfort to her husband and children.

Patti is survived by her husband; her two children, Katherine Baumgartner, of Redding, Connecticut, and Kenneth T. Wright, III, of Columbus, Ohio; her two siblings, Ann Shelton, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Michael Smith of Bellingham, Washington; and nine nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore. Please call 410-662-0500, ext. 213 or mail your contribution to St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore, 2305 N. Charles St., Suite 300, Baltimore, MD 21218. Please reference the name of the deceased with your gift.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Evangelist Church Cemetery - Frederick

112 E. Second St.
Frederick, MD 21701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
(410) 377-8300
general@mwfuneralhome.com

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Ignatius
740 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you, Mrs. Wright for giving birth to and raising my best friend, Katherine. She is a treasure. Loving memories of you will remain in her heart forever.
Patti Blank

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