



Ms. Mary Patricia McElroy

April 29, 1927 - August 26, 2020

Obituary for Mary Patricia ("Pat") McElroy

McElroy, Mary Patricia (Pat) – on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. Beloved sister-in-law of Joan, brother of Jim McElroy, Jr. (deceased), aunt of Jim McElroy, 3rd (deceased) and Mary McManus McElroy, great-aunt of Matthew, Deirdre, James, and John, honorary aunt to the McManus Family, and cherished friend.

Pat obtained her Master's Degree from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, and began a long and successful teaching career. The bulk of her years in education were happily spent at Public School 277 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, where she enjoyed teaching in the primary grades, especially first grade. It was there that she formed an extraordinary group of friends who were a source of support and encouragement for each other. Pat was a sounding board who was able to offer practical advice and clear perspective. Those friendships continued unabated through the years as they gathered, until recent times, for monthly luncheons to catch-up and reminisce. Even when Pat was unable to be at a luncheon, Carol, Rosemarie, and Mr. Zamore, their principal, kept in touch with her by phone.

After retirement, she enjoyed travel with friends, especially Marguerite Shaughnessy and the Diskin sisters, Lillian and Dorothy. Many happy trips to Florida were a welcome part of winter in these post-teaching years.

Throughout her life, the most important mainstay was her family. Devoted to her parents, Kathryn and James F. Sr., Pat cared for them in their later years.

She was very close to her brother and his family, and enjoyed taking her nephew, Jim, with her to Breezy Point for day trips in the summer. Pat and her sister-in-law, Joan, were dear friends, having known each other for over 60 years and staying in daily contact. Perhaps Pat's greatest joy, was being in the lives of her nephew's family. She truly was engaged in their well being, enjoying their visits and hearing about their lives, even as she slowed down and experienced health issues. Aunt Pat still asked each one of them how they were doing, and expected a full report, which was cheerfully given. Our family would like to express our deep gratitude to Glorine, Gloria, and Grace, who lovingly assisted Pat. We are especially thankful for Glorine's spirit, the astuteness of Gloria to Pat's every need, and for the gracious and truly loving support that Grace provided at every turn, becoming her trusted companion.

Aunt Pat will be lovingly remembered for the values that she lived and the example she has been to us of faithfulness, loyalty, integrity, and great love for family and friends.

Cemetery Details

St John Cemetery

80-01 Metropolitan Ave
Flushing, NY 11379

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

AUG 31. 9:45 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd
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