



## Patricia Ann Bennett

December 25, 1945 - June 10, 2021

Patricia Ann Bennett passed away Thursday, June 10, 2021 at her home in Edinburg Virginia where she was surrounded by her family, friends and loyal dog Maggie. Patricia or "Pat" was the beloved sister of Michael Kellogg (Gwen), Jean Sampson (Russ), Maureen Kayes (Stan), and Daniel Kellogg; devoted mother of Christine Cox (Merton), Andrea Beachy (Mark), Marcia Bennett (Ivi); proud stepmother to Leonard Bennett; loving grandmother of Jimmy, Dimitri, Mickey, Ryan, Kelly, Ashley, Nicole, and Lauren; and adoring great grandmother to Lani, Adryan, Amelia, and Aleksandr. Pat raised her three daughters as a single parent while earning an undergraduate degree from George Mason University in 1971. For 25 years, she was employed by the Internal Revenue Service until she retired in 1997. She attended night school and earned a Master of Business Administration from Marymount University in 1982 and Juris Doctor from George Mason School of Law in 1994. In 1997, she established the Law Offices of Patricia Ann Bennett and provided legal services until shortly before her passing. She overcame significant adversity through hard work and determination that was truly remarkable. Her passion for the law stemmed from her desire to advocate for families, in particular women and children. Prior to law school, she represented herself in front of the Florida Supreme Court where she won a landmark decision to benefit custodial parents. Her life story, captured in a published book and film, serves as an inspiration to families across the country. Over the years, she enjoyed brick laying, cake decorating,

woodworking, and antiquing. She spent the last fifteen years on her farm where she rode horses, planted a formal English Garden, cleared horse trails, built an outdoor wedding chapel for her grandchildren, and planted an elaborate shade garden. Just one week before losing her 5-year battle with colon cancer, she rode her tractor to see her lavender field for the last time. Pat had an infectious positive outlook and established long lasting friendships with virtually everyone she met. She will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. A Funeral Mass will be held Friday, June 18, 2021, at 11 a.m. at St. John Bosco Roman Catholic Church in Woodstock, Virginia. A private family burial will follow. The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 17, 2021, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Dellinger Funeral Home in Woodstock, Virginia. Cemetery Details NATIONAL MEMORIAL PARK 7482 Lee Highway Falls Church, VA 22042 Previous Events Visitation JUN 17. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)Dellinger Funeral Home 159 N. Main St Woodstock, VA 22664 dfhome@shentel.net <https://www.dellingerfuneralhome.com> Service JUN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)St. John Bosco Roman Catholic Church 315 N. Main St. Woodstock, VA 22664 <http://www.stjohnboscowoodstock.org/>

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ Pat was an inspiration for some many women and because she had the courage to fight for her rights and the rights of her children, thousands of American women have the ability to collect child support arrearages that are due to them. As her child support investigator at VA DCSE at the time, she always amazed me with her grit, intellect, creativity and spirit. I think of her often and my son, even though he was a 4 year old still remembers her house in Springfield and all the antiques. She impacted my life in so many positive ways. While I have not spoken to her in many years I know that the lives of many families were uplifted because she made a difference. My condolences to her daughters, grand children and the rest of her family.

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**Jacqueline Ann Nantier-Hopewell** - July 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I will forever remember you! Rest in peace Ms.Bennett! 🙏🙏

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**Jodi** - June 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Bennett.

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**Lavender Reflections Spray** - June 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ We love Christine so very much. She has been a wonderful member of our school family and leadership team. In our time with her has shared such sweet stories of her mother. Ms. Patricia was a resilient and strong woman who overcame early life hardships. She remained a strong mother who raised capable and accomplished children. Christine is without a doubt, a reflection of her mother. I know this time is full precious memories, tears, and laughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate her life. Much love - Jessica Emory

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**Jessica Lee Emory** - June 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Tom & Robbi Mees purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Patricia Ann Bennett.

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**Tom & Robbi Mees** - June 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ When I first moved here, I met Pat as she was driving by me, and I was walking my dog. She was very friendly and welcoming. Even though she was going through her own medical challenge, she found time to give me a word of advice, which was really encouragement for me as I faced my own medical challenge I always appreciated that. I only wish I could have been a better neighbor during this difficult time. She was always in my prayers. Now I lift up her family, and pray for the peace of God that passes all understanding to be theirs as they greet each new day with her memories only. Paige R.

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**Paige Roberts** - June 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Bennett.*

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**Beautiful Heart Bouquet** - June 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM