



Pat Anderson

March 5, 1931 - October 8, 2016

Patricia Ann (Riley) Anderson passed into her Lord's hands on October 8, 2016 while in Hospice care in Arlington, VA. Born on March 5, 1931 in Great Falls, Montana, her father died when she was 5, leaving her mother, Hazel Riley, to raise her and her brother Richard. After graduation from Great Falls, Montana High School, she attended Montana State University in Missoula, MT where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

At MSU, Pat met her future husband, Tom Anderson. She pinned his 2d Lt bars onto his Infantry officer uniform in 1952. In late 1952, Pat accepted Tom's proposal and they were married in February 1953. After a tour in Korea, Tom was transferred to Japan where she joined him in 1954.

Son Gregory Thomas was born to the couple on January 9th, 1956. Keeping her promise to her mother to complete her college degree, she completed her studies while in Japan and received her BA in Business Administration from MSU in March 1956. After a two-year tour in Japan, the family was next posted to Long Beach, California where son Mark Graham was born on October 8, 1957.

Pat was the epitome of a wonderful Army wife, who, for over 20 years, managed family finances, schooling, health care issues, auto repairs, doctors appointments, pet crises, boys team sports, etc. while Tom was away on

assignments. Change of duty stations became routine with moves to Fort Campbell, KY, Fort Benning, GA, Fort Sill, OK, Fort Rucker, AL, Long Beach, CA, Fort Leavenworth, KS, Carlisle Barracks, PA, Washington, DC, and a wonderful three-year tour in Hawaii.

Pat had a very successful 25 year real estate career in Northern Virginia. In 2005, Pat and Tom moved to a senior condominium community in Springfield, Virginia where she loved the social interaction and friendships with her many fellow residents.

"Nana" Anderson was a devoted wife, a loving mother and a joy to her hundreds of friends. Pat will be held forever in the hearts of her husband Tom, her son Mark, his wife Caretta and grandson Riley Thomas of Springfield, VA, as well as son Greg, his wife Doreen, granddaughter Katherine Marie and grandson Michael Riley of Pompano Beach, FL

A visitation will be held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel 5755 Castlewellan Dr., Alexandria, VA on October 12, 2016 from 5 to 8 p.m. A date for a memorial service at Fort Myer, and interment at Arlington National Cemetery, will be announced at a later time.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pat Anderson*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Dear Tom and family,*

I am deeply saddened to learn of Pat's passing. Although I didn't know Pat over the course of very many years, I did know her as an extremely gracious and lovely woman. And, the very beautiful obituary and mini-history of her life surely defines her as a "military heroine"; without a uniform. Having lost my wife of just over 61 years due to similar post-operative complications just over 18 months ago, I'm confident you know how strongly I empathize with your loss. I extend my deepest and most sincere sympathy to you, your sons and their families.

I hope it may be comforting to know that as time passes, your strongest, most important and vivid memories will be of the good times; memories of what may have seemed unpleasant times somehow fade away. And similarly, the enormous grief and sense of loss you feel now will lessen slightly each day, in spite of the fact that the sorrow over the loss of the most important loved one in your life will remain, but graciously softened by those happy memories of life you shared together happily.

May God bless you, Pat and your family.

Warmest regards,

Joe Dougherty

October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Fifty-five years of close association - all made joyous by your love and friendship!*

October 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom and family,
My prayers are with you. It has been a blessing to have known Pat as a friend and wonderful neighbor for eleven years. I am going to miss her and will always remember her infectious laugh. Love, Betty*

October 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We have so many fond memories with you and Pat - all our dinner and bridge nights and our fun week in North Carolina together. Sending hugs to you from Minnesota. Love, Joel and Jennifer*

October 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom and Family:
We extend our condolences to the entire family. We will hold you up in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless each and everyone!*

October 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pat Rest In Peace and Know you will be Thought of and Missed.
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October 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom, You and Pat made a great team and wonderful friends. Linda and I offer our sincere condolences. Ernie and Linda Isbell

October 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM