



Patricia Del Buono

October 26, 1938 - September 23, 2024

Patricia Bernotas Del Buono passed away September 23, 2024 after battling cancer for the second time. She was 85.

Born October 26, 1938 in Waterbury, Connecticut, Pat was the oldest of three siblings. She attended B.W. Tinker Grammar School and was active in the Mount Carmel CYO, where she first met the love of her life, John “Jack” Del Buono, to whom she was married for 64 years. Pat graduated from Crosby High School and St. Mary’s School of Nursing, where she built a foundation for her successful career as a Registered Nurse and formed lifelong friendships.

Jack’s career in the U.S. Army took them to posts in Italy, Germany, and many locations across the states. On the homefront, Pat filled the role of both mother and father many times while Jack was deployed. She began her nursing career caring for newborns in the nursery, and broadened her experience with each of her many moves as a military spouse, serving patients in many different medical disciplines in hospitals and doctors’ offices. During her own medical challenges over the last few years, she could often be heard sharing treatment methodologies with the younger nurses caring for her.

Pat enjoyed life as an Army spouse and the Battalion Commander’s wife,

frequently entertaining at her home or spending time with soldiers and their families. Some of her most cherished friendships came during Jack's time in Wurzburg, Germany, and she and Jack enjoyed annual reunions with the Germany crew all around the globe for many years.

Family was everything to Pat, and her legacy lives on in her surviving children: son Brian and spouse Sandra Del Buono, daughter Lisa and husband Pete Datoc, and daughter Karin Torchia; her grandchildren Matthew (spouse Courtney) and Michael (spouse Samantha) Del Buono, Alison and Dustin Datoc; and great-grandchildren Genevieve and Lorenzo Del Buono. Pat is also survived by her brother, Randy Bernotas, and is predeceased by her sister, Linda Troisi.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society (https://donate.cancer.org/?campaign=search&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaignid=21603275924&utm_adgroupid=169792393161&utm_keyword=american%20cancer%20society&gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaIQobChMltcqlstrgiAMV7F1HAR35tRnnEAAYASAAEgLvPD_BwE)

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Dr
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
(703) 971-7400

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Saint Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church
8750 Pohick Rd
Springfield, VA 22153

Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia Del Buono



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - September 27, 2024 at 10:27 AM

JB

Beautiful tribute for the love of my life. I look forward to continuing this journey when I join you at the gates of heaven. I will always love you.
Jack

Jack Del Buono - September 28, 2024 at 03:37 PM

LI

Love you dad 📄📄

Lisa - September 28, 2024 at 09:35 PM

KT

Truly a great woman. Earth is a lesser place without her here.

KT - October 15, 2024 at 08:48 AM

MS

“ Dear Jack and family,

I just heard of Pat's passing. I am so sorry! God bless and comfort you during this difficult time. Pat will always hold a special place in my heart. As a new graduate, I began my nursing career at Jefferson Memorial Hospital. Pat was one of the nurses who took me under her wing and taught me how to become a real nurse. I have so many fond memories of our time spent together in the West unit! Pat always opened her house for our Christmas parties. Such good times! Her legacy lives on in me and all those whose lives she touched. Rest in peace my friend.

*Love always,
Martha Stokes*

Martha Stokes - October 15, 2024 at 09:28 PM

RD

“ *I have fond memories of you, Pat, at many Datoc/DelBuono family gatherings. And I'll never forget your delicious pasta dishes. You raised a wonderful family, Pat. You can be very proud. Rest in peace. You will be missed. ❤️*



Rose Dall - October 01, 2024 at 06:47 AM

CR

“ *Chuck Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Patricia Del Buono*



Chuck Reynolds - September 27, 2024 at 01:59 PM

CR

Pat, you and Lourene had a special bond and relationship as nursing students at St. Mary's Nursing School in Waterbury, Conn. The bond was one that lasted your lifetimes and although the miles took us in different paths the bond of love, respect and friendship never ceased.....we were connected in life! Now Pat, you are joining me with the Lord in heaven as that is now where I came this year. I will be greeting you as the Lord takes you in His arms and surrounds you and your precious family with His love. You are now out of your suffering and at peace with Jesus. Come Pat, I am waiting for you. Your Classmate of long ago, Lourene from heaven.

Chuck Reynolds - September 27, 2024 at 02:14 PM

JB

You are and always be the love of my life for all eternity until we meet again at the gates of heaven. Rest in peace, your strife is gone. So long for now but not forever. Thanks for sharing your life and love with be me. I love you my precious Trisch. Jack

Jack Del Buono - September 28, 2024 at 12:24 AM