



Patricia Faye Powers

July 1, 1925 - December 15, 2010

Age 85, Pat died peacefully on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at her home in Alexandria, VA, surrounded by her family.

Born July 1, 1925 in Des Moines, IA to Clarence Mullahey and Elna (Armstrong) Mullahey. Preceded in death by husband Eugene, daughter Cynthia Whelpley, son Eugene Powers II, brother Gerald Mullahey and sister Kathleen Mullahey. Survived by daughter and son-in-law Lynda and Carl Keller, 9 grandchildren, Elizabeth Whelpley, Serenity Whelpley, Amanda Keller, Carl Keller II, Amelia Keller, Paul Keller, Ashley Powers, Brittany Powers and Eugene Powers III; and one great-granddaughter Addalyn Keller, daughter-in-law Becky Powers and son-in-law Craig Whelpley. Also survived by brother Joseph (Barbara) Mullahey of Des Moines, IA and 2 sisters Mary Edna Pendergrass of Durham, NC and Ann (Larry) Schluter of Lakeville, MN., along with many nieces and nephews.

Pat was always very active in politics and in 1971 she and her family moved to VA where she took a position with the newly established Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Pat's proudest accomplishment while working for the EPA was spearheading the creation and securing the funding from Congress for the Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program. Once established, she administered grants and managed positions for the SEE program until her retirement in 1995. She was nationally recognized for her achievement and the program continues to serve as a model for utilizing the talents of seniors throughout the country.

Pat never met a challenge she wouldn't fight to conquer. Her motto was, "Never say I can't. Instead, say I can and then learn to do it." She was a motivated person and a wonderful Mother, Grandmother, sister and aunt who will be missed by all.

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Faye Powers*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy to Lyn and her family. I will always remember with great fondness our visits to Aunt Pat and Uncle Gene's house as a child growing up. Keeping you in my prayers. Carol, Bob, Luke & John Wheelless*

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“ *My condolences to the Powers family. When I moved to Washington 23 1/2 years ago, Pat let me stay with her until I found a job and an apartment. I really appreciated it.*

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat's family. Family reunions were always important to Pat. We have fond memories of these gatherings.*

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