



Patricia M. Penn

June 28, 1944 - September 13, 2012

Patricia Lucille Matheson Penn

Patricia Lucille Matheson Penn, age 68, of Satellite Ave, died Thursday, September 13, 2012 at Tideland Community Hospital.

Patti was born June 28, 1944 to A. J. and Lucille M. Mattheson in Bennettsville, SC and died on September 13, 2012 in Georgetown, SC. She is survived by her beloved husband, George Dixon of Murrells Inlet, SC. She is also survived by her sisters and brothers: Frances Hay, of Mt. Pleasant, SC; Gladys Graham, Bennettsville, SC; Estelle Holloway, Tuscaloosa, AL; Jim Thompson of Lexington, SC and Herbert Thompson of Darlington, SC. She is also survived by her aunt Patricia Morrison, of Atlanta, GA, her dear friend, Marguerite Mitchell of Andrews, SC. and a host of nieces, nephew, cousins and friends.

Patti attended Limestone College and graduated from the University of South Carolina. She earned a Master's in Education degree and a 6th year Specialist in Education degree from Georgia State University. She retired from the Gwinnett, GA school system after decades of teaching health and physical education. She was the president of the South Strand Shag Club and for 12 years took on the responsibility of hiring DJs and bands for all of their events.

Patti was an avid reader who also enjoyed a very active life as a runner, skier, and world traveler. For years, she and her aunt Patricia made and sold crafts at shows in Georgia and South Carolina.

The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00 PM on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. A celebration of Patti's life will follow at The Marlin in Garden City.

As a lover of animals, Pattie rescued and provided a home to many dogs and cats over the years. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Patti's memory to St. Francis Animal Shelter, 125 North Ridge St., Georgetown, SC, 29440.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia M. Penn*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I had her for 8th grade PE...and I gave her such a hard time about pulling back my hair and wearing our gym outfits - she even called my parents!!! I guess at 13 silly things seem so important. She was a great teacher and her "toughness" was for my benefit, although I sure didn't see it then. Guess she made a huge impression cause I never forgot her! So sorry to hear of her passing....*

Janice Landrum - September 29, 2012 at 10:13 PM



“ *Patty Lou was my first girlfriend. We were about 15 years old . Great memories.*
Everett Thomas

Everett Thomas - September 21, 2012 at 09:28 PM

GH

“ Miss DeFoor (Patti) was my gym teacher at Towers High - she was an awesome teacher and I'll always remember how fun she made our class, even though our gym suits were really unattractive! I didn't know until I read her obit that she and I shared a passion for animal rescue. My thoughts and prayers are with her many friends and her family. God bless you all.

Ginger Hall - September 16, 2012 at 07:08 PM

MM

“ Prayers for peace for Coach Matheson's friends and family.

Mark McCulloch - September 16, 2012 at 06:08 PM

SB

“ I met Patti when we taught together and we remained friends for years. The "fearsome foursome" played many hands of bridge, took trips and had lots of laughs until she moved to SC. Patti and I went on several trips together and I have many happy and fun memories of her. Sherry Bryant

Sherry B - September 16, 2012 at 04:22 PM

DC

“ Denise Powell Coleman lit a candle in memory of Patricia M. Penn



Denise Powell Coleman - September 16, 2012 at 03:32 PM

DC

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of this lovely lady. She taught me in 8th and 9th grades (1973 - 1975). I looked up to her and she was always so kind and encouraging to me. My favorite memory was in badminton. My partner, Marianne S. and I were class champs and Mrs. Penn and the other coach played us and we Beat them! We had such a blast playing that game. The entire class enjoyed that match. She was so much fun. I hope she knew what a difference she made in peoples lives.

Denise Powell Coleman - September 16, 2012 at 03:37 PM

NH

“ *Our prayers are with the family during this time of grief. Patty enjoyed life to its fullest and will be remembered for her love of friends, music, and dancing.*

Ed & Nancy Hutson - Seneca, S.C.

Nancy G. Hutson - September 15, 2012 at 04:25 PM

RW

“ *Robin White lit a candle in memory of Patricia M. Penn*



Robin White - September 14, 2012 at 03:41 PM

EE

My brother's first girlfriend was Pattie Lou. We lived in Bennettsville. When Daddy was worried about Everett, he would call the police and asked them if they could find him. They would call back and told him Everett was out at Sambo's house. Sambo was Pattie Lou's father. When Daddy heard that he did not worry. My condolences go out to the family.

Eugenia Thomas English - September 21, 2012 at 04:54 PM

KL

“ I will remember all the fun we had when we were younger, Patty and I shared lots of laughs when we were at Carolina and later when we taught together!!! She was always fun.

Kathy G. Lewis, Cumming, Ga

kathleen gilliam lewis - September 14, 2012 at 08:43 AM

GH

I had two awesome gym teachers at Towers - Miss DeFoor and Miss Gilliam - thanks to both of you for instilling a lifelong love of fitness in me! God bless you!

Ginger Garrett Hall - September 16, 2012 at 07:13 PM

RJ

“ Rick & Linda Jordan lit a candle in memory of Patricia M. Penn



Rick & Linda Jordan - September 14, 2012 at 08:26 AM

RJ

THOSE WE LOVE REMAIN WITH US
FOR LOVE ITSELF LIVES ON,
AND CHERISHED MEMORIES NEVER FADE
BECAUSE A LOVED ONE'S GONE.
THOSE WE LOVE CAN NEVER BE
MORE THAN A THOUGHT APART,
FOR AS LONG AS THERE IS MEMORY,
THEY'LL LIVE ON IN THE HEART.

Rick & Linda Jordan

Rick & Linda Jordan - September 14, 2012 at 08:36 AM

BN

Amen! Memories never fade. I'll miss seeing Patty and George shagging together to their favorite song. She was a good friend.

Bonnie Neal - September 14, 2012 at 03:31 PM