



Patricia E Zazzali

November 24, 1942 - December 2, 2016

Patricia Eileen Ryan was born on November 24, 1942 to Lorraine and Edward Ryan in the Bronx, NY. She grew up in Keansburg, New Jersey and graduated from Red Bank Catholic High School. Pat immediately joined the work force and commuted by ferry to NBC headquarters in NYC. She was on the job for both the Kennedy inauguration and his assassination. This early career excitement lit in her the desire to find meaningful work her whole life. In 1964 she married Til Zazzali. Pat and Til settled in Holmdel, NJ and had three children Susan, Christian, and Matthew. For about ten years Pat gave up work and took care of her kids and home. When the kids were older Pat returned to work. Eventually she landed an entry level clerical job at Fort Monmouth working for the Department of Defense. Pat retired from public service after a 22 year career where she had worked her way up to become one of the first female civilian executive officers, eventually working for three generals. While she was successfully climbing the career ladder she was simultaneously attending Brookdale Community College and raising three teenagers. Pat had an eye for beauty and great design skills which she applied to home remodels, gardens, and interior decor. She loved to share her green thumb and eye for color with family and friends. Once the kids were out of the house Pat and Til traveled and enjoyed themselves like newlyweds.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Ellen Perciaccanto. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Til Zazzali, her three children

Susan, Christian and Matt, daughter-in-law Kernan, son-in-law Burt Mittelstadt, grandchildren Parker and Isabella Zazzali, niece Cara Perciaccanto, and brother Edward Ryan and sister-in-law Maureen.

Pat and Til were lucky to be surrounded by a community of caregivers that helped extend her life and keep her comfortable during her 14 years with Alzheimer's disease. The family would like to particularly thank Deb, Vi, Sandy, Sharon and Rick and the many hospice staff, including Sheena, Priscilla, Melanie, and Brooke for their compassionate and professional assistance.

We'd like Pat to be remembered for her love of travel, gardening, crafting, and her family. She brought beauty to all our homes and gardens. If you would like to make a donation in Pat's memory please give to the Alzheimer's Association at 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or online at www.alz.org.

Susan Zazzali Mittelstadt and Til Zazzali

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday, December 8, 2016 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia E Zazzali



Goldfinch Funeral Home - December 07, 2016 at 08:03 AM

TI

I love Pat, Til

til - December 07, 2016 at 09:42 AM

JD

“ *I have so many wonderful memories from road trips in the car to parks and beach to hanging out watching Super Bowl games. Beautiful photo video.*

Joan Mccaffrey Dougherty - December 10, 2016 at 10:39 AM

CC

“ *so many wonderful memories of good times shared, you will live on in our hearts. we will miss you our dear friend .*



Cathy and Conny - December 09, 2016 at 09:25 PM

JC

“ *Til & Family: So sad to hear about Pat 's passing.*

Johnny & Donna Coulson - December 08, 2016 at 03:05 PM

JM

“ *Jim & Charlotte Mastrocola lit a candle in memory of Patricia E Zazzali*



Jim & Charlotte Mastrocola - December 07, 2016 at 09:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia E Zazzali.*



December 07, 2016 at 08:12 PM

WM

“ *My mother and I have had some great times with Pat back when we all lived in NJ. We ran a small gardening business together in Central NJ, had Thanksgiving and Christmas together, I even remember the time when she gave me a lift to one of my balloon rides. RIP, Pat. You will be greatly missed.*

Wayne MacFarland - December 07, 2016 at 01:19 PM

JR

“ *Jim and Mei-Ling Rozar purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Patricia E Zazzali.*



Jim and Mei-Ling Rozar - December 07, 2016 at 10:46 AM

MO

“ *Mrs. Patti was a beautiful, sweet person and I enjoyed visiting her. Mr. Til was a wonderful caregiver. I'm sorry I cannot attend the memorial service but I hope to visit you soon. Take Care! Love and Prayers, Melanie O'Tuel*

Melanie O'Tuel - December 06, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



R - December 06, 2016 at 06:27 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia E Zazzali.*



December 05, 2016 at 09:55 PM

JD

“ JoAnn Ervin, Colleen Kovacs, Rose DeVito purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Patricia E Zazzali.



JoAnn Ervin, Colleen Kovacs, Rose DeVito - December 05, 2016 at 03:13 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia E Zazzali.



December 05, 2016 at 12:09 PM