



Patricia Anne Higgins

November 8, 1951 - October 10, 2020

Patty Higgins, 68, of Manhattan, passed away on October 10, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Hoboken, NJ on November 8, 1951, to the late Frances (O'Neill) and Edward Higgins.

Patty grew up in Teaneck, NJ, graduating from Immaculate Heart Academy in 1969 and Newton College of the Sacred Heart in 1973. After a few years in Boston, Patty moved to NYC to pursue a career as account executive at Sea-Land and then as an executive consultant at the Forum Corp.

Patty will be remembered by her family and her many lifelong friends for her warm outgoing personality and her beautiful smile. She was the unofficial family historian with a gift for storytelling. Current political events were carefully followed and she was always eager to expound on her points of view. In her spare time, she loved to read, visit museums and attend Broadway shows.

She is survived by the love of her life, her daughter Meredith Swetnick; her siblings, Kathy and Tom Butler, Mary Fougere, Terry and Debbie Higgins, Michael and Tracey Higgins; her former husband Robert Swetnick; and 14 nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her brother Eddie; her niece Laura, and her nephew Brian.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady Of Mt. Carmel Church in Ridgewood, NJ on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 1:00 PM. The Mass will be broadcasted live on the Volk Leber Funeral Home website.

Donations may be made in Laura's memory to: Tomorrows Children's Fund, 30 Prospect Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **14**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
1 Passaic Street
Ridgewood, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Patricia Anne Higgins*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - October 13, 2020 at 03:49 PM

PP

It's like being there with all the friends and family to honour and remember the wonderful Pattie, yet we are watching this service from London in the UK. May your rest in peace dear Patricia. Our heartfelt condolences to Robert and Meredith. Paul and Peter in London.

Paul & Peter - October 14, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ *Patricia Anne Higgins*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Patricia Anne Higgins*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Patricia Anne Higgins*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

KR

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family, especially Meredith, for the loss of Patti. She was a warm , caring and generous woman who loved her family dearly and I am sure will be missed all. Kathy Roberson*

Kathy Roberson - October 14, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.*



October 14, 2020 at 01:22 PM

RC

“ *I was a classmate of Patty’s at Newton College.*

As I look at the family photos posted on this site, I see Patty’s beauty and engagement shining through in every one.

Patty had it all....beauty, brains, compassion, curiosity, and guts. She fit in everywhere. She was sincere but with a wicked sense of humor. She held herself to a high standard. She wanted to be surrounded by an environment that she created.

At Newton College Patty was the one who was first noticed by our professors. She was the one called to babysit a professor’s child and the one chosen to be a professor’s classroom assistant.

In college, she dated a player on the Boston College football team, so of course she went to every game. I knew nothing about the sport, so she insisted I sit next to her in the stands. She patiently explained every play and the strategy behind each one.

It’s hard to say goodbye forever.

*Fondly,
Becky (Bralla) Caplice*

Rebecca Caplice - October 14, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.*



October 14, 2020 at 08:39 AM

MI

“ Mike purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.



Mike - October 14, 2020 at 01:13 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.



October 13, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ Red Poinsettia (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.



October 13, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.



October 13, 2020 at 05:02 PM

SB

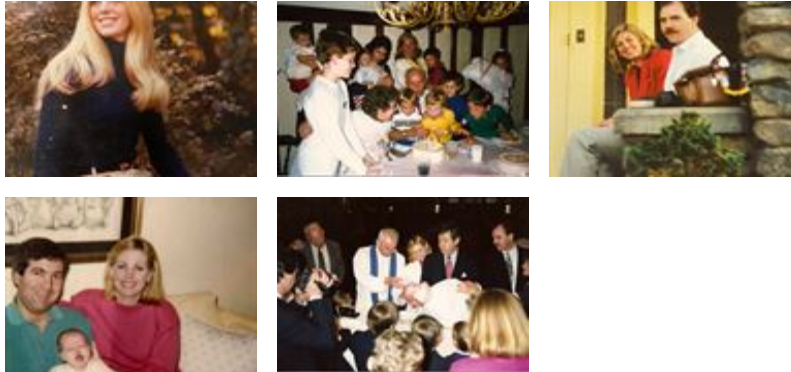
“ Susannah Rake & Annabelle Rake Butash purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.



Susannah Rake & Annabelle Rake Butash - October 13, 2020 at 03:03 PM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes



Volk Leber Funeral Home - October 13, 2020 at 01:33 PM

FB

“ Farrah Ricketts & Ann-Marie Barnett purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.



Farrah Ricketts & Ann-Marie Barnett - October 13, 2020 at 01:27 PM

LC

“ Love, Mike and Tracy and our children purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.



Love, Mike and Tracy and our children - October 13, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.



October 13, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.



October 13, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.



October 13, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.



October 13, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.



October 13, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.



October 13, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.



October 13, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.*



October 13, 2020 at 07:34 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.*



October 13, 2020 at 05:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Higgins.*



October 12, 2020 at 09:47 PM

“ To Patty from Jacqui

Patty was my sister from another mother. We met in 1984, where, along with my beloved friend Hope, we three joined the Forum Corporation-NY sales team that day. We've been bonded to each other since then. We forged an ever-lasting bond because; despite our racial and ethnic differences, there were an equal number of important--ways in which we were similar, especially around family.

By today's standards, our families were large—4,5,6 kids. So, we had a lot of commonality around living with brothers and sisters! Our fathers fought for us, were civil servants and mid-managers, who each believed in the sanctity of family. Our mothers we kept deep within our hearts.

We supported each other through sorrowful, painful and joyous moments and eventually became family ourselves. Here is my remembrance of Patty:

*Patty's laughter could make even
The most curmudgeonly one smile.
A wicked sense of humor
An incisive mind
A rejoinder at the ready
With a twinkle in her eye,
Patty was great to talk to.*

*She loved a spirited debate
Where her passion for politics and political intrigue; current events,
Military History and historical biography
Were on full display.
Well-read, well-informed
Patty was naturally curious about a lot of different things.*

*She loved color
Shape and form.
Design.
She was instinctively creative.*

*Subtle.
Specific.
Warm and welcoming
Optimistic.
Patty created comfortable homes.*

*Soft yellows and blues
Creams and whites
With a shade of red
Thrown in for good measure.*

This is how I will remember Patty.

-Jacqui Pinn

jacqueline pinn - October 12, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of
Patricia Anne Higgins.*



October 12, 2020 at 02:42 PM