



Patricia Annette (Burroughs) Ross

January 29, 1944 - February 13, 2024

Patricia Ross Obituary

Patricia Annette Ross (née Burroughs) was born on January 29, 1944 to Mr. William R. and E. Geraldine Burroughs in Wilmington, North Carolina. When she was 6 months of age, she moved with her mother to Cleveland, Ohio to live with an aunt while her father served in World War II. She would call Cleveland home for the remainder of her life.

Pat attended Lafayette Elementary School and Alexander Hamilton Junior High School before graduating from John Adams High School in 1962. From there, she ventured to Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia, graduating in 1966 with a degree in Social Work. She was a strong supporter of and advocate for Hampton University, dedicating several decades serving on the leadership team of the Cleveland Chapter of the Hampton University Alumni Association.

She began her working career as a social worker for the City of Cleveland Children's Welfare Department. She eventually moved to University Hospitals of Cleveland where she worked as a Patient Representative – serving as a

liaison between patients and the hospital administration. She would fill this role admirably for 24 years until she retired in 2012. During her time at University Hospitals, she attended to the problems of countless patients, ranging from celebrities to the general public. She was loved by patients, hospital employees, and medical professionals alike, receiving several awards for her excellent service.

In 1968, she met Curtis R. Ross, a school teacher, at a school social function. The couple began dating and quickly fell in love, getting married on August 16, 1969. They had two children together – Curtis Jr. and Jason – whom they loved and to whom they devoted their lives. She loved traveling and experiencing exciting places with her family, including Italy, Austria, Panama, and many cities and attractions in the United States.

One of her main activities with her family was attending and supporting Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church. Pat sang in the choir, served on several administrative committees, and was a camp counselor for numerous youth outings.

While attending a local community pottery class, Pat discovered that she had a talent for creating beautiful, intricate pieces of ceramic artwork. She pursued this talent and would go on to hold a Christmas Bazaar for 21 years, where she sold pottery and celebrated the holiday season with family and friends.

Another one of her favorite endeavors was to serve as a legal guardian for

Ms. Jasmin Jones until Jasmin's passing a few years ago. Pat provided guardianship through the Lutheran Ministries.

Thanks to her kindness and compassion, Pat Ross had a positive impact on many lives until her transition on February 13, 2024. Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. William and Mrs. Geraldine Burroughs; her sister, Ms. Judith Burroughs who passed in 2018; and her ward, Ms. Jasmin Jones. She is survived by her husband, Curtis R. Ross Sr., two sons, Curtis Jr. (spouse Hank Johnson) and Jason (spouse LaToya Ross), and two granddaughters – Jayla and Jazmin.

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DB

“ *My Condolences to the Family. I always saw Mrs. Ross smiling throughout her days at UH Hospitals. She will be missed*

Deacon Christopher Brown - February 26, 2024 at 07:54 PM

JS

“ *I met Pat at University Hospital many years ago. She was a bright light there. She helped so many people always with a smile and quiet dignity. We lost touch when we retired. However, met again at WindsorHeights, where she resided in her later years. I would always have a hug and storyAbout UH when I saw her. (My mom is alsoA resident). She never lost her grace or smile. She will be missed.*

Judi Schonfeld - February 21, 2024 at 07:05 PM

SH

“ *Heartfelt condolences to the Ross family. Patricia's beauty, grace and kind spirit will always be remembered.*

Sheila Horne Hernandez - February 20, 2024 at 11:48 AM

RF

“ I was born into Mount Pleasant Methodist Church when Patricia was 6-years old. Seeing the beautiful Burroughs sisters and their loving mother at Sunday school every week is among my earliest and most lasting memories. Like me, my mother Gloria Ferguson, now in her 94th year and living with us in Massachusetts for the past 3 years, recalls many fond memories of Patricia and the Burroughs/Ross family in the church. Our families have grieved together as so many have passed on and now Patricia has joined them. The Ferguson familyâ€™mother Gloria and brother Steven together with our wives Patricia and Helenâ€™send our most heartfelt condolences to the Ross and Burroughs families in this time of bereavement. Ronald (Ronnie) Ferguson

Ronald Ferguson - February 19, 2024 at 04:18 PM

FS

“ Deepest sympathy to the Ross Family. When I saw the name "Patricia Ross" on the website, I wondered if it was the only Patricia Ross I remembered from University Hospitals - and it was. Pat was always kind, helpful and radiated such a beautiful smile whenever we encountered one another. I left University Hospitals almost 6 years ago and I know Pat retired years before I did but often thought of her. May the sweet memories of her presence and kind and gentle spirit continue to rest upon your hearts and give you peace. We also know "God is the God of all comfort." May you continue to feel His presence, love, peace, comfort and joy as you journey through your path of grief and sorrow..

Flora A. (Kinney) Smith - February 16, 2024 at 07:20 PM

