



Patricia "Pat" Lombard

April 5, 1952 - June 28, 2020

Patricia "Pat" Lombard passed away from cancer at her home in Boynton Beach, Florida on June 28, 2020, with her husband Ed and sister Sue at her side. She had seen her son Andrew and granddaughter Evelyn via FaceTime minutes before.

Pat was born in Newark, but grew up in Caldwell, New Jersey with her parents Sal and Faye Lombard, her sister Sue, and her grandmother, aunt, and cousins. Pat attended Saint Aloysius Catholic Elementary School and Caldwell High School. She excelled in academics, placing into a number of honors classes. She played on several high school sports teams and enjoyed tennis with her sister Sue. It was in high school that Pat developed her life-long interests in Semitic languages and linguistic biblical studies.

Pat attended The Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington, D.C., graduating summa cum laude with a B.A. in Psychology in 1974. She loved her time at CUA, where she made life-long friends, and met one very special person. When Pat showed up for the first day of freshman calculus, she was a bit surprised to find herself surrounded by engineering students. She shared this observation with the friendly-looking engineering student seated next to her, not knowing she had just met the man who would become her husband. Thanks to Ed's keen interest in the subject, Pat learned a good bit about computers alongside her psychology studies. She also continued to pursue both her studies in Semitic languages and her interest in sports. She was a member of the field hockey team, and also played tennis and racquetball. Pat, Ed and their friends began a tradition of weekend volleyball games that continued every Saturday for more than ten years. After starting some graduate work at Northern Illinois University, she opted to return to the D.C. area. She took additional courses in the Semitic Languages Department at CUA while working at several jobs, including as a keypunch operator, computer programmer, and administrative assistant. In 1976, she enjoyed a grueling but wonderful summer participating in an archeological dig near the Lahav kibbutz in Israel.

In the fall of 1976, Pat began what would be a 32-year career in the Research Division of The Federal Judicial Center. In her initial role as a data analyst, she converted research

data from paper form to digital and assisted researchers with data analyses for their projects. She began to distinguish herself early, co-authoring a seminal paper on judicial controls and the civil litigation process, still an important area of study today. In 1983, Pat took a break from the FJC, taking a job at Online Systems/UIS, where she worked with a number of friends from CUA. Pat enjoyed the opportunity to develop computer programs on IBM PCs running PC-DOS at a time when personal computers were just starting to be used in business. However, when the opportunity arose in 1985, Pat returned to the FJC as a Research Associate. She didn't totally leave computers behind though: for many years she maintained a VAX/VMS computer system used for data and analysis in the Research Division.

Over time, Pat became her Division's go-to resource for data analysis and design. She collaborated with FJC researchers on various studies and was the author or co-author of numerous papers. Her major projects included the Integrated Database, which compiled federal court case data for FJC and external use, the bankruptcy and district court case weighting studies, the courtroom use study, the development of a probation recidivism guidelines calculator, and studies of the federal sentencing guidelines. Pat was loved by her FJC colleagues, who found her to be warm and caring, with just the right touch of humor needed for the moment. She was known as a superb researcher and data analyst, and a generous and supportive colleague who made nearly every project in the Division better.

Pat always had a yearning to learn new things. While working at the FJC, she took courses at University College, the adult education unit of the University of Maryland. In December 1996 she completed her work and graduated with an M.S. degree in Computer Systems Management. Later, she took eclectic courses at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of Johns Hopkins University.

In 2011, Pat retired from the FJC as a Senior Researcher. Upon learning of her death, FJC Director John Cooke said of her work, "Pat was part of a team of outstanding researchers who built the division's reputation for excellence and integrity. Although she started her work in the analog era, Pat helped lead the way into the digital age. She developed tools and methods for organizing and analyzing data that still provide the foundation for much of our work today." Former FJC Deputy Director Russell Wheeler added: "Pat knew federal court data--both obvious and arcane--like no other, and she could not have been nicer or more accommodating in explaining them to those of us who find them befuddling." Former Research Division Director Jim Eaglin fondly recalled his and Pat's early days at the Center and described how much he depended on Pat for advice throughout his career. Cooke summed up: "Passion for excellence, mastery of

detail, and genuine friendship were Pat's hallmarks. She exemplified the very best as a researcher and as a person. Pat Lombard is an important part of the Center's history. She helped make the Center what it is today. She will always be one of us."

By her side during all of it was her boyfriend and then husband, Ed. While dating they enjoyed taking car trips, both for sightseeing and to visit their families in New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Florida. They went hiking, played volleyball, and enjoyed socializing with their friends. In 1980, Pat and Ed were married at Saint Aloysius Catholic Church in Caldwell. They took a honeymoon cruise, the first of many cruises they would enjoy. They moved into their first home in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Though both worked long hours at their jobs and commuted to D.C. daily, they always found time to get together with friends, visit relatives, travel to the nearby mountains, and enjoy local attractions and performances. They also took vacation trips to explore national parks, amusement parks, recreation areas and cities all around the country.

In 1986, their son Andrew was born, adding another happy dimension to Pat's life. In 1988, they moved to Damascus, Maryland, where they would live until they retired. As a young child, Andrew commuted in with Pat and Ed and attended daycare near their jobs in D.C. Pat greatly enjoyed being a mother. She and Ed attended all of Andrew's sports games and band concerts. Pat enjoyed helping (and prodding!) him with his schoolwork. Pat, Ed and Andrew loved traveling together as a family, especially visiting Disney World and going on cruises. Pat was incredibly proud of the smart and caring man her son became.

When Andrew went off to college at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Pat became an instant fan of Hokie sports, particularly football, in part because Andrew was in the VT marching band drumline. Pat and Ed invested in a Massanutten timeshare nearer to Blacksburg so they could more easily visit Andrew and attend VT football games and other events. Pat was proud to watch Andrew graduate with a B.S. in Computer Science, already having been recruited for a computer-programming job in the D.C. area - definitely a chip off the old block of both his parents!

In 2012, Pat and Ed retired to Boynton Beach, Florida, Ed's boyhood hometown. They fully indulged their love of travel, especially cruises and car trips to new locations, and even learned to line dance. Pat continued her learning on-line, particularly enjoying courses from The Great Courses Company as well as updating her computer programming skills to better keep up with what Andrew was doing in his job. Pat's sister Sue also moved to Boynton Beach, much to their mutual pleasure. Pat and Sue volunteered for political campaigns, attended lectures together at the FAU Osher Lifelong

Learning Institute, and went to meetups to discuss philosophical issues.

After college, Andrew advanced in his programming job, started running, and then met Katie Poore. In 2017 Pat was thrilled when they announced their engagement. Pat was ecstatic about the wedding and all its planning. Even a broken ankle couldn't stop her from fully celebrating. After much hard work in rehab, she was able to dance with Andrew at his wedding in March 2018.

A year later, Pat was thrilled to welcome a new member of the Mulrean family, Andrew and Katie's daughter Evelyn Leah. Pat and Ed were now grandparents and of course had to rush up to Virginia to see their new granddaughter. They visited several other times during the year. Pat's last visit was for Evelyn's first birthday in March, just before the coronavirus pandemic put a temporary end to most traveling.

During the pandemic, Pat and Ed stayed in and learned to order groceries online and cook at home, a change from the regular dining out they loved. They watched movies and TV series together, and of course regularly chatted on FaceTime with Andrew, Katie, and Evelyn, as well as staying in touch with family and friends. Pat and Sue found an ingenious solution, meeting in the parking lot of the Dunkin' Donuts each week where they drank coffee and chatted from an appropriate social distance seated in their respective cars.

Pat was a fighter and a survivor. In 1999, she was successfully treated for breast cancer. One of her proud accomplishments was completing a 60-mile Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day walk from Frederick, Maryland to the D.C. National Mall in 2001. In 2013 she was diagnosed with renal cancer and fought off a recurrence two years later. Unfortunately, her renal cancer returned in May 2020, and she passed away in June.

Pat Lombard is survived by her husband Edward Mulrean of Boynton Beach, Florida; son Andrew Mulrean, daughter-in-law Katie Mulrean, and granddaughter Evelyn Mulrean of Vienna, Virginia; sister Sue Turgeon and spouse Wendy Lovejoy of Boynton Beach; nephew Brian Turgeon and wife Isatta of Upper Marlboro, Maryland; and many cousins and other family members.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Cleveland Clinic for Cancer Patient Support Services.

URL <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/giving/make-a-gift>

Comments



“ I was so sorry to learn of Pat's passing. My deepest sympathies go to Ed and Andy, and their family.

Ardoth Hassler - January 29 at 05:05 PM



“ PAT

How well does one need to know someone to

Receive their kindness

See their loving devotion as a parent

Envy their loyalty as a sister

Amazingly respect their intellect and professional achievements

Be in awe of their marital rapport

I probably saw Pat a dozen times in her life including singing at her wedding and I have profound respect for her as a person.

Christine Mayo - July 26, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ Pat was one of my favorite people on the planet from the time I first met her, when she and my mom came home from the hospital. I was 6 years older so I knew about such claims. Pat and I were 6 years and 3 cousin ages apart, so I felt more protective of her than any rivalry with her. The only time we ever fought was over who was going to get to vacuum instead of dust. We both hated dusting. Don't get me wrong, we had very lively discussions about many things and even got aggravated with each other on occasion but we were mostly just there for each other....come what may. One of the great yet underrated qualities we had in common, was that when the two of us were together we both agreed that we were the two of the funniest people ever. This was not a view accepted by the general public or even family, but we knew it to be true. Pat was a wonderful kid and wonderful sister. However, when she beat me at chess when I was 12 and she was 6, I decided poker with the family for penny stakes would be my focus. We played lots of games as kids outside and inside the house. Our Grandmother, Aunt Vi and her daughter, lived in the same house. Aunt Vi taught us all, her daughter, Pat, me and many cousins the finer things of life...swimming, poker, bowling and all the board games we could lay our hands on and she played them all with us and cooked for us and took us to lots of places. Pat was always very smart and very curious. When Pat was 7, on her way home from school, she stopped at the local bank and opened a savings account. The bank people were her friends for the rest of her time in Caldwell. Pat wasn't quite sure why they were so surprised. She read Exodus by the time she was 11 and always had an incredible interest in Israel and bible history. I loved that Pat was so curious about so many things. I loved talking with her, going to classes with her at Florida Atlantic University and two philosophy discussion groups, doing data entry for the last several Democratic campaigns and the Affordable Care Act, and zooming with her recently to discuss Toni Morrison essays and Great Courses Plus videos. We both were blessed with wonderful sons who have become loving good men. We were both blessed with beautiful, extraordinary (I'm sure) granddaughters. I am so grateful to have had these last eight years living in the same town with Pat and Ed. We spent a lot of time and had a lot of fun together. I have always been so proud of my little sister. I've loved her with all of my heart and I will miss her each and every day.

Sue Turgeon - July 18, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ God Bless my cousin Pat RIP I hope all of our family was there to welcome her with open arms &

Judey Cunha - July 21, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ Beautiful... touching and heart breaking that she's gone. I feel fortunate to have had a birds eye view of your love for her for these many years. I will miss her for you EMT

John Thomas - July 22, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ May God bless her family and may she Rest In Peace!

Richard Fieni - July 17, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ Beautiful photo of a beautiful,smart,loving,caring,funny woman. I metPat as a toddler when I married her Uncle Evano In 1955. She was a cute,precocious little girl...so loving! She was very family oriented as were all the Cunha's and their offspring. She always stopped by when she was in the N.E. Area. Her brief visits were always fun and full of news. She always loved anything I prepared for dinner in her honor. She was loved and will be missed by us...and especially by her loving husband Ed! So sorry you had to leave us! Always remembered by Aunt Barb!

Barbara Cunha - July 14, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ I love and miss you sweet cousin.
Judy XOXO

Judy Cunha - July 13, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ Pat and I had so much fun trying to tutor each other in foreign languages. Don't know how much we learned, but we sure had a great time together! Pat's smile--and it comes to mind right now--could melt an iceberg. What a great warm heart, a resilient spirit, and inspiring devotion to friends and family. Pat, I will always love you and keep you in my heart. Maryann Karinch

Maryann Karinch - July 07, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ Pat and Ed have got to be one of the great love stories of all time. They met 50 years ago when we were all freshmen at Catholic U., and have been together ever since. I know her passing will be a great loss for Ed, their son, their daughter-in-law & their granddaughter. My husband, David Kozinski, and I send them all our thoughts and love.

Patti Mengers - July 08, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ I am so Very sorry to hear this news. Pat was always a fine and gracious lady to me over the many years that we were acquainted. My condolences to the family.

Mark Kennedy, Bethesda, MD

Mark R. Kennedy - July 16, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ With deepest sympathies and condolences to the entire family

David Pefka - July 18, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ I met Pat at the beginning of college, and I give her credit for initiating our keeping in touch since then. I appreciate her warm, steady friendship, ready smile, broad knowledge, and the fact that she was one person who knew me through all the ups and downs of adulthood. She was a wonderful friend and she will be truly missed.

Stephanie Chris

Stephanie Chris - July 30, 2020 at 12:20 PM