



Patricia L Gemmiti

January 21, 1933 - October 9, 2021

Patricia (Pat) Gemmiti

Patricia L. (Lawrence) Gemmiti, Pat - as she preferred to be called, beloved wife and mother, passed away suddenly on Saturday, October 9, 2021 with her daughter Cathy by her side. She was born January 21, 1933 in Gorham, New Hampshire to Albert Dexter and Laura (O'Hara) Lawrence. She grew up as Patty Lawrence in Gorham where she was lauded for her ready smile, overall genuine loveliness and beautiful soprano voice - which graced the Congregational Church Choir, the Jefferson Chorus, and the Honolulu Symphony Chorus, among others.

She graduated from Gorham High School where she was a member of the theatre group, chorus and tuba player for the marching band. She also attended the University of New Hampshire before marrying Donato Rocco (Danny, aka Donald R.) Gemmiti on May 31, 1952, whom she met years earlier while roller-skating at his uncle Dominic Porretta's Shelburne Inn.

Pat and Dan had a wonderful 55 years together. They had three children: Cathy, Debby and Franky Gemmiti. In addition to growing a family, they had many adventures together traveling extensively across the globe, especially enjoying the mainland United States, Hawaii, Europe, and Indonesia.

During the late 1960's along with her husband and family, Pat owned and operated the Dairy Joy summer business (now Mr. Pizza). Many a junior league baseball team celebrated victories or soothed misses with their tasty ice cream. For a time, Pat was employed as an administrator of the Title II programs at Berlin High School. Later she enjoyed designing and building several homes and lovely home lots along with her husband at their RayCrest subdivision in Randolph, NH.

Pat's many talents included accomplishments of note in the art of painting, genealogy and most recently as author of the Historical Novel: The Resilient Thistle. She was proud of her genealogy roots which she recently discovered included 12th generation lineage from Mayflower Pilgrims. She loved singing, music, playing the piano, skiing, swimming and dancing – cooking not so much – but she was a good cook too!

She is survived by her daughter Catherine Gemmiti of Ocala, FL; nephew Kenneth Corcoran of Charlestown, NH; niece Carol LaTorre of Schenectady, NY; nephew Paul Gemmiti of Delanson, NY and nephew Thomas Gemmiti of Albany, NY - several great nieces and nephews plus many other wonderful friends.

Pat was pre-deceased by her husband Dan (aka Donald R.) Gemmiti, her daughter Debra Lynn Gemmiti, her son Francis Dani Gemmiti, her parents Albert and Laura Lawrence, her sister Shirley (Lawrence) Corcoran of Claremont, NH, and her brother Albert D. Lawrence Jr. of Barre, VT. Losing her two young children (Debby and Franky) was the great regret of her life. She held them in her heart and thought of them daily.

Pat's optimism and love of life were contagious. One of her favorite mottos was: "motion is lotion." Her wishes for family and friends are to be happy, live well, and have more ice cream!

A memorial service to celebrate Pat's life will be held in Gorham, NH at a date to be determined sometime next spring.

No flowers please - if you wish, donate to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Cathy, I woke up thinking of your mom and found this online. Sadness and tears here in Italy...we are headed to the Vatican next month and will light a candle for Pat. Our love to you, Cheryl and Dennis*

Cheryl Mauro Berg - April 10, 2023 at 02:33 AM

MB

“ *I'm very sad to learn of Pat's passing. My condolences to Cathy.*

Mark Boisvert - October 31, 2022 at 04:52 AM

SB

“ *Cathy: Thinking of you every day! Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. My most heartfelt sympathy. So many wonderful memories! With much love, Sally Bruni and Family*

Sally Bruni - October 19, 2021 at 09:11 PM

BD

“ *Cathy, so sorry to hear about your moms passing, I remember her and dad when I was a young kid and came to know them more when I purchased a lot in Raycrest, I still live there, a beautiful place they created. bill demers*

bill demers - October 14, 2021 at 08:12 PM

MO

“ *Cathy:*
We are so sorry at the loss of your mom. If you read this Cathy, please contact us.
Frank & Madeleine O'Hara

Cathy:
Barbara and Carl Hills asked me to give you their condolences as well. Barbara would love to hear from you as well.

Madeleine O'Hara - October 14, 2021 at 03:47 PM

KB

“ *Pat was a wonderful woman. I worked at the Dairy Joy back in the day, it was a great first job. Pat was a sweet, caring , lovely person. Cathy, I'm so sorry for your loss. RIP Sweet Lady Love Kathryn Byrd*

Kathryn Byrd - October 14, 2021 at 01:59 PM

JP

“ *Dear Cathy*
Our Sincere Sympathy on the Loss of Your Mother.

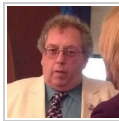
Andre & Jeannine Piet-Roy

Jeannine Piet-Roy - October 14, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ *Mike and I are deeply saddened to learn of Pat’s passing. She and her daughter, Cathy were favorite neighbors of ours for too short a time. Pat always had a good story to tell or some witty remark that would make us laugh out loud. Pat had a zest for life and fun. She was a loving and devoted mother, friend and neighbor. We enjoyed our many chats on the porch or special cocktails in the shade of the garage on a hot summer day. Pat will truly be missed.*

Cathy Canty - October 13, 2021 at 09:37 PM



I know How close Cathy and her Mother were. My sympathies and prayers are for Cathy at this difficult time.

Paul Robitaille - October 14, 2021 at 09:33 AM



Cathy my deepest condolences to you. your mom was a very special lady. we will all miss her.

mike - October 20, 2021 at 03:41 PM