

<u>Obituary</u>

Patricia B. Downey was called home on June 25, 2016 at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, New Jersey.

Patricia was a long time resident of Orange, New Jersey and departed this life after an illness that left her greatly impaired. Her two children, Bernadine and Jean, and her mother, Frances preceded her in death.

Patricia worked at several hospitals, including St. Mary's Hospital in Orange. She loved working in the maternity ward. Patricia was well-loved by the children of the neighborhood. To them she was the "Cookie Lady." To the sick and shut-in she was a Gourmet Chef as she would visit the sick with a basket filled with "soup-to-nuts" feast.

Patricia "Pat", as she was called by those close to her, loved to bake and shop. Two of her favorite places were Marshalls and Costco. She enjoyed shopping for other people and not just herself.

Her husband Robert fondly called her "Dear Heart" and "Little Girl" as her illness progressed. He would be at whatever healthcare facility when it opened and stay until it closed. When he was working as a long distance truck driver, he would call his wife and say "Dear Heart, I'm not too far away." Her response would typically be "How long will that be?" While on the phone with her, he would ring the doorbell and he would say to her "Is that the doorbell?" When she would open the door Robert would be standing right there. Such were the pranks they shared with each other throughout their forty plus years together.

Patricia was a faithful member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Orange.

Patricia leaves to mourn: her husband, Robert; step-children, Michael and Sherrie; four sisters-in-law, Julia Ann, Shirley, Mary Alice (VA) and Hallie (NJ); one brother-in-law, Ernest Russell (VA); nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Special thanks are given to Monet, a long time close friend who was considered a self-appointed daughter.

Order of Service

Seating of the Family

Hymn of Comfort "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading II Corinthians 5:1

Selection "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Obituary Monet Woods

Eulogy"A House Not Built with Hands"
Hallie L. Gamble

Recessional Hymn "I'll Fly Away"

Interment and Committal Prayer

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park East Hanover, New Jersey

Footprints

One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life. This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.

May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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