



Eleanor Stapinski

March 2, 1924 - January 20, 2015

Eleanor Paterson Stapinski, 90, died on January 20, 2015. Pat, as she was known to her friends, was the only child of Alexander and Anna Paterson. She was born on March 2, 1924, in Newburgh, New York. She graduated from the Newburgh Free Academy and New Paltz State Teacher's College before teaching first grade at the Balmville School in Newburgh.

On June 30, 1946, Pat married Dr. Cyril Stapinski, then an army flight surgeon at Stewart Field, New York. After Cy's urology residency in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Pat and Cy moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1954, where they made their home for the next 27 years.

Pat was an accomplished cook, and loved sharing her culinary creations with her friends and family. In addition, she was an avid golfer, accomplished bridge player, and an uncanny solver of crosswords and all types of puzzles. She and Cy both shared a love of opera, a passion Pat continued to pursue until the end of her life. Always an enthusiastic reader, she served on the board of The Friends of the Fort Myers Beach Library.

After Cy's death in 1981, Pat moved to her home on Fort Myers Beach, Florida, which she loved. In 2005, she became a resident of Shell Point retirement community where she spent her last 10 years.

Pat was happiest spending time with her family. She is survived by her children, Susan Wagner (Bill) of Fort Myers, Florida; Jane Crespin (Stan) of Denver, Colorado; Andrew Stapinski of Decatur, Georgia; and Ann Stapinski (Jeff Lassell) of Fort Myers Beach, Florida. Her grandchildren Kim and Pam Wagner, Emily Crespin, Laurel and Nick Stapinski, and her great-grandchildren Josh and Kylee Derrickson will all miss spending time with her at the beach and at the lake.

Pat's last wishes were for her remains to be buried beside those of her husband, Cy, in Glen Lyon, Pennsylvania. A memorial service will be held for her in July 2015 in Glen Lyon and at the summer home on Lake Nuangola that she and all the Stapinskis cherish.

Tribute Wall



“ *Eleanor Stapinski*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Eleanor Stapinski*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Had some wonderful chats with Pat. She was such a delight to be around! Love the picture of her, she looks so vibrant! God's great compassion and love to all! Lowry and Charles Puckey*

Lowry Puckey - January 31, 2015 at 10:05 AM



“ *To the whole Stapinski family- we were so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. It was a privilege to get to know her at Lake Nuangola, where she brought much laughter and joy to the community. We will miss seeing her on her walks, and stopping to chat with her. Our deepest sympathy to all, Dave Coats and Janet Bamford*

Janet Bamford - January 30, 2015 at 03:43 PM



“ *Pat always showed up for Tuesday book club at the Nuangola Library and loved to laugh at all the crazy stories that were told instead of talking about books. She shared many stories of her life with us and was cherished by all of us. I will miss her.*
Lina Santomauro

Lina Santomauro - January 30, 2015 at 02:54 PM