



Patricia Ann Lanusse Jones

October 11, 1934 - May 24, 2019

Patricia Ann Lanusse Jones, passed away at home on Friday, May 24, at the age of 84, surrounded by her family.

Pat was born and raised in Opelousas, Louisiana, the daughter of Alice Stelly Lanusse and Charles Cavaroc Lanusse. Although at the time women had few opportunities in science, she pursued her passion - Mathematics - at Loyola, New Orleans before earning her Masters degree in Education from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. There she met and fell in love with her beloved husband Bob.

They soon returned to live in Lafayette and raised four children - to whom she was devoted. In addition to taking care of her family, Pat dedicated her life to teaching math. She first taught in local high schools and, after earning her second Masters in math, she continued teaching at the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now UL). At USL, she developed her expertise on teaching math to future teachers. She was practically a legend at USL, and taught a generation of teachers. Pat helped found a company, Charism, with a dream of fully developing her visionary math curriculum to transform elementary and middle school math in Louisiana. For years, even after formal retirement, she wrote text books, demonstrated the remarkable effectiveness of her strategies, and traveled the state to train teachers in her new program.

Pat was fiercely independent, with her deep convictions to service, truth, justice, and gender and racial equality, on display (subtly, or otherwise) through all she said and did. Her passions were her family, math and science, politics, tennis, good food, and so much more. She loved good conversation on these topics, and passed on her love for them to her children and grandchildren. Her chicken & sausage gumbo, crawfish étouffée, and crawfish bisque were hands down the best in the world. She loved games and storytelling. She spent endless hours playing with, and reading to, her grandchildren, particularly during the summer beach trips that were highlights of each year.

She is predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Bob Jones, and is survived by her four

children Tricia Jones, Bob Jones, Tom Jones, and Beth Jones, her daughters-in-law Julia Jones and Laurie Jones, and her six “grand-babies” Dustin Jones, Rachael Jones, Cary Jones, Catie Jones, Cameron Jones, and Emily Jones.

Pat’s children are forever grateful to Melvenia and Bubble Reynolds - who cared for them in their youth, and their parents ever since - members of the family for over 50 years. They would also like to thank Destiny and Roxanne in Lafayette, and Ms. Henrietta in Baton Rouge for helping and supporting Pat over the last several months.

A Memorial Mass for Pat will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, May 27 at Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church. The family will be receiving visitors at Pat’s home in Lafayette after the mass. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to Doctors without Borders or the Alzheimer’s Association.

There are in the end three things that last: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love .

View the obituary and guestbook online at <http://www.mourning.com>

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Comments



“ Patricia, We have known each other for so many years ... we learned to drive together at Lafayette High, and we enjoyed speech/debate together at Cathedral-Carmel! Losing a parent is so difficult. I'm confident that she is in heaven and watching over you. Love and prayers, Laurie Jankower James

Laurie Jankower James - May 29, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ Bobby, sorry I just saw the news of your mom's passing. I will celebrate a Mass for her. May she Rest In Peace and May God console you and all the family with his love. Peace, Tom Voorhies

Tom Voorhies - May 27, 2019 at 03:42 PM



“ I remember Mrs Jones teaching me Math in elementary school at Cathedral in Lafayette. She was very motivating and an excellent teacher who wanted her students to learn. Deepest condolences. Francis Boustany DDS

Francis Boustany DDS - May 27, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ We were old friends of your Mother and later your father. Played bridge and tennis with her. She was always fun and interesting: quick witted, and knowledgeable.
Lois and Kenneth Boagni
Opelousas
Boagni@aol.com

Lois Boagni - May 31, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Lanusse Jones.



May 27, 2019 at 08:14 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Lanusse Jones.



May 27, 2019 at 08:11 AM



“ Trisha, Bobby, Tommy, and Beth, you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

To say we've lost a treasure is to say it simply. I don't know whether Pat ever had any idea as to the real extent of the impact she had on so many, both mathematically and in so many other ways.

Love you much, my dear, dear friend. You will be greatly missed. <3

Lerri Cockrell - May 25, 2019 at 05:45 PM



“ Pat, the best math teacher in the world! You taught me how to teach math and how to teach love of math; "to see the beauty in mathematics" as you put it. You inspired generations of mathematicians, who have gone on to pass along that passion. I am forever grateful. I'll cherish every wonderful memory. DEEP forever. Much love

Shawne Taylor - May 25, 2019 at 03:05 PM



“ Deepest condolences for your loss. Your mom taught me and my husband in the early sixties at Sunset High School. She was “Miss Lanusse” to us. We remember her fondly.

Elmo and Jean (Bernard) Devalcourt

Jean Bernard Devalcourt - May 25, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ My dear friend Pat, I will miss you so much and will always remember our wonderful trip to Italy. To Trisha, Beth, Bobby, and Tommy she loved you all so much and was so very proud of all of you. Thank you all for taking such good care of her. Rest in peace until we meet again. May Heatherly

May Heatherly - May 24, 2019 at 06:22 PM