



## Patricia A. Cannon

June 8, 1940 - July 17, 2006

Patricia A. Cannon, age 66, passed away unexpectedly in the comfort of her home in New Hartford, NY, on Monday, July 17, 2006.

Born in Peru, Indiana, on June 8, 1940, Patricia was the daughter of Anne M. (Carbone) Cannon and the late Clarence “Jim” Cannon. Pat received her B.A. and M.A. in English studies from the University of Michigan. She was a proud and devoted alumna. Initially, Patricia worked for the housing department at the University of Michigan before relocating to Utica to accept a position as an instructor and director of housing at Utica College. For over 25 years, Patricia taught English at T.R. Proctor High School, retiring in 1996. The classroom was Pat’s favorite forum, but she also lent her time and expertise to many committees and planning sessions, and served as director for numerous student theatrical productions. In keeping with her love of the theater and performing, Patricia was an important part of the Players of Utica community. Her many and varied contributions included acting, writing and directing several original children’s productions, working backstage and as stage manager, and box office. Pat was currently the secretary of the Board of Directors and served on the play reading, publicity, and nominating committees. Pat’s association with Players resulted in the formation of many valuable and long-lasting friendships.

In her retirement years, Patricia joined the staff at Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., as obituary composer; in this capacity; her wordsmith skills were greatly appreciated by many families. She was a communicant of Church of Our Lady

of Lourdes where she attended daily mass.

Patricia was truly extraordinary in myriad ways: for her powerful intellect and razor-sharp wit; for her unceasing acts of kindness and thoughtfulness, for her innate and unwavering sense of morality and humanity; and for her unbounding spirit and joyful temperament. These qualities and innumerable others made Pat a consummate teacher and professional, a trusted and valued friend and confidante, a concerned and loving daughter and niece, and a soulful sister and aunt.

Patricia is survived by her mother, Anne, with whom she resided; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary K. and Jerry DeGrazia, of Williamsburg, MI; and a cherished niece and nephew, Nicholas DeGrazia and Sarah DeGrazia, both of MI; an aunt, Irene Carbone of New Hartford; several cousins; and a multitude a friends who were so intrinsic to her life in Utica. Pat was predeceased by aunts and uncles: Kate Carbone, Ange Carbone, John and Georgeann Carbone, John and Katherine Cannon, Bernadette and Harry Baltzell, and Katherine and Joseph Hasselschwert.

The family wishes to thank Edwards Ambulance Service, and the New Hartford Police Dept. for their timely response; they are also grateful that Father Joe Salerno, Deacon Greg Kreinheder and Pat's friends were present to pray for her and to offer their loving support.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, from 4-7 at Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Pat's funeral will commence on Friday morning at 11:30 from the funeral home and at 12:30 at the Church Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. For those wishing to make a contribution, please consider the Players of Utica Building Fund and R.I.F. (Reading Is Fundamental) Envelopes will be available at the Funeral Home.

Burial will take place next to her father in Mt. Kelly Cemetery of the Sacred Heart Parish in Dearborn, MI at the convenience of the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Howe-Peterson Funeral Home  
22546 Michigan Ave.  
Dearborn, Mi

## Service

JUL 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

Howe-Peterson Funeral Home  
22546 Michigan Ave.  
Dearborn, Mi

# Tribute Wall



“ Thank you Ms cannon. I remember you corned me when I thought it was cool to skip school and you turned my life around. You showed me the light. I just want to say THANK YOU

vincent curtis - August 23, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Mrs,Cannon and Maey and family. Pat has been my dearest friend since we were 15. We went to Sacred Heart High hrough all the evens of hih school. Pat was the brightest and best. We loved U of M--who will I call thwe last second of ach Michian game and sind The Victors" and laugh like loons. There have been four of us from the Dearborn days----Eileen Redding Grainger, Helen Kummer, Pat and me. There is a big hole in each of our hearts. There are no words for our loss. Fifty-one years of friendship and wishing there would be much more.##imported-begin##Barbara Paul##imported-end##

July 22, 2006 at 12:58 PM



“ Was there ever a more understanding, gracious and kind smile on any human face? Every encounter I ever had with Pat was deeply sacred and profoundly human. She was a person who gracefully danced in and out of so many time corners of my life and who, each time, was always more concerned with me than she ever was with herself. I will always treasure her glowing smile, her sincere passion for others, and her sharp wit. I am sure that those of us who wish to remember her best can embrace her now by living in the way that she did-with compassionate passion, overflowing kindness and keen honesty. Pat, I will miss you very much.##imported-begin##Peter Elacqua##imported-end##

July 21, 2006 at 10:36 AM



“ *My sincere and deepest sympathy to your family. I had the pleasure of having Ms. Cannon as my drama teacher during 1977-1981 at T.R. Proctor High School. She was a wonderful person and teacher. She had such wit and humor. She made the long hours of rehearsal for the musicals so much more fun and entertaining. None of us ever wanted to leave. Her energetic personality made all of us want to work even harder to perfect our roles.*

*Sincerely,*

*Waiyee (Szeto) Kennedy##imported-begin##Waiyee (Szeto)  
Kennedy##imported-end##*

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July 21, 2006 at 10:14 AM



“ As life dictates, we sometimes loose touch with the people we admire. I have not seen Pat in some time but thought of her often and always with a smile. Her sparkling personality and incredible sense of humor were attributes that made her so special. Pat was "genuine" and I will always consider myself blessed that I knew her. To her family, I offer my deepest condolences and pray that in time, memories of this very precious lady will ease the pain of losing her. "A life well spent" that is what Pat's time was. I will miss her.

*knew her. God bless you.##imported-begin##Patricia  
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“ Pat Cannon was a true humanitarian. A life of service to others through her teaching career, followed into her retirement years by assisting countless families, helping them to express their thoughts about a loved ones life and commemorate a life passed.

The beautiful and eloquent skill of writing a person's life story in a few paragraphs to be published once as a final tribute to a persons life made Pat a true champion of the English language.

I can recall working with Pat on several occasions reading the first draft copy of a dearly departed's obituary. Very often no improvement was necessary or possible. The perfection and thoughtfulness possessed the ability to amaze readers by saying exactly what a person's demeanor and life experiences held, in only a few well-versed sentences.

Pat also was an exceptional scheduler of her time. Every appointment or excursion was noted allowing her to be available when needed all the while maintaining a very active social life. Every week included coffee with friends and of course church services.

Pat's bright light shined through in her work and concern for others. The irreplaceable skill of empathy for complete strangers at a time of great loss has impressed thousands of families and readers.

“I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next. Delicious Ambiguity.”

-- Gilda Radner

"I wake up every morning at nine and grab for the morning paper. Then I look at the obituary page. If my name is not on it, I get up." -- Benjamin Franklin

The sun has set on Pat's bright light, but the words and thoughts of her skills will be long remembered. Remembering Patricia A. “Pat” Cannon is easy, she is simply unforgettable.##imported-begin##Chad M. Porter##imported-end##

July 20, 2006 at 12:41 PM



“ I am so sad to hear of Pat's passing. Pat was always so welcoming, kind, supportive and encouraging. I was blessed to have known her. Her love of Players showed in all she did for the theater. She will be greatly missed. My love and prayers are with her family and friends. Mike###imported-begin###Michael Goodhines###imported-end##

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July 20, 2006 at 11:39 AM



“ Pat was a confidante to all, a talented and masterful composer of words, never missing a beat. In her own quiet way, she shared her talents. At a time of heartache for others she could bring much comfort to those who needed the reality of their loved ones life put into words. We here at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. were blessed to have worked alongside Pat for many years, enjoying her witty & pleasant personality. We considered her to be a part of our family and will always remember her kindness, patience, precision and most of all her persona. Her passing has touched the souls of our entire organization.###imported-begin###Staff of Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.###imported-end##

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July 20, 2006 at 11:03 AM



“ Pat Cannon was a wonderful part of our Curves community where she enjoyed her physical fitness program. When we think of Pat it will always be with a smile, for that is what she always came with, always shared, and always left with. A smile for everyone! God Bless You Pat, He will keep you in His Loving Arms now in a most special way.  
Your Curves Community##imported-begin##The Curves Community in Washington Mills##imported-end##

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July 20, 2006 at 07:43 AM



“ Ms. Cannon was my 12th grade AP English teacher, 1989-90. Her kindness, gentleness, and sense of humor made her class something to look forward to. She had a wonderful way with her students, and I remember and appreciate still her encouraging words. She made a lasting impression on many, many kids. Thanks, Ms. Cannon, for your dedication to your students and all of those smiles.##imported-begin##Emily (Kaskela) Kain##imported-end##

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July 19, 2006 at 09:21 PM



“ Pat is home with her Dad, her Uncle John, and her Aunts' Catherine and Bernie.  
God Bless you all.  
Love, Mary Ann##imported-begin##Mary Ann Freeman (Hasselschwert)##imported-end##

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