



Mildred M Leggoe

December 20, 2019

Mildred M. Leggoe (June 21, 1926 – December 20, 2019) of Marlton died peacefully the evening of December 20 after a stroke suffered earlier in the week. She was 93 and a resident of Moorestown from 1951 through 2006, before moving to Wiley Retirement Community.

Mildred was born in Ringtown, PA, to Elsie B. and Mahlon S. Patterson. She was the precious granddaughter of Jesiah and Daisy (Hinderliter) Laudeman and a devoted member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ prior to moving to Philadelphia at age 15 to join her mother, stepfather William Fenselau and new baby brother Billy.

While her sweetheart, Jim, was serving in the Pacific on a navy minesweep during WWII, "Pat" was active with the USO and was employed first at Sears on The Boulevard and then with the rapidly growing home builder Alfred P. Orleans.

In Philadelphia, she attended Olney High School and was a member of Boulevard Presbyterian Church. Pat and Jim were married on September 20, 1947 and moved to an apartment while building their first "home" (a 2-car garage divided into LR, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom) on Mantua Grove Road in Mantua, NJ.

In 1951, Pat and her young family moved to Moorestown where they joined The First Methodist Church, then located on Main Street. Over the years she was an extremely active member of FUMC and served on many committees, including decades of rummage sales and women's circle. She spearheaded the development of the many gardens around the new church buildings and, in 2004, was the founder of The FUMC Memorial Garden.

In their early years in Moorestown, she and Jim were co-owners of The Camera Corner on Main Street, and she tinted hundreds of black and white portraits and wedding photographs that Jim took. She and Jim were founding members of Sunnybrook Swim Club.

Throughout her life, she embraced every opportunity to study, work and play with friends and family: several bridge clubs, the Moorestown Garden Club, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, family camping trips, and night school to study ancient civilizations. When some of Jim's male friends emphasized that everyone should have a "specialty", she thought that hers could be to teach herself (with the help of the Wall Street Journal) to become her own

financial planner. She helped Jim organize and host group trips to many destinations including China, Japan, Australia, Scandinavia, and European countries including The Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. Her final foreign trip was to Conakry, Guinea, West Africa in 2004.

Pat was pre-deceased by her husband, her two half-brothers and her son, James Jr. She is survived by a large and loving family: daughter Lynn (Gerald) O'Connell, sons Glen (Marguerite) and Edwin (Jessie), grandchildren Maegen Gibb, Jesse (Alyssa) Leggoe, Melissa (Josh) Buggy, Natalie Leggoe, Robert Leggoe, Kelly (C.J.) Small as well as 7 great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law Anne Leggoe and Mary Fenselau, many loving nieces and nephews, grandson of the heart Sidiki Camara and caregiver Michelle Marigliano. A celebration of Pat's life will be held Saturday, February 8 at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Moorestown, 446 East Camden Avenue. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to FUMC, Moorestown, NJ. 08057. Condolences may be left at www.Lewisfuneralhomemoorestown.com.

Cemetery

First United Methodist Church Memorial Garden

Moorestown, NJ,

Events

FEB 8 Memorial Service 11:00AM

First United Methodist Church
446 Camden Ave, Moorestown, NJ,
US, 08057

Comments



“ Just hearing the name..Pat Leggoe..brings back a flow of early 50s memories. Our families were very close and everything revolved around the church. We ent on numerous camping trips together. Our church group went to the Alliquipa House in Maine in 1953. I can still see Pat Leggoe in her bathing suit and cap diving off the boat dock into the very cold bay. She loved her morning swim..no one else went into that cold water. Many a Saturday night we kids played in their family room basement while Pat and Jim and my parents Roy and Laura Bowman play cards upstairs. Thank you Pat Leggoe...Mrs. Leggoe...for all the fond memories. Rest in peace. I hope there are diving boards in heaven. Bonnie Bowman Nolan

Bonnie Nolan - January 10, 2020 at 09:31 AM