



Patricia C. Shinn

December 17, 2018

Patricia Carte Shinn, 94, daughter of late Ernest Owen Cart and Scerelda Selbe Cart, departed her Earthly bonds on December 17, 2018.

Pat grew up on Glenwood Avenue, Charleston, one block from Old Luna Park, graduating from Stonewall Jackson HS in 1942. She is an alumna of Trevecca Nazarene and Asbury Colleges, now Universities, with a B.A. in Education.

Pat started her career at Logan Junior High School and then traveled to Costa Rica where she taught for two years before returning to West Virginia. She married O Ray Shinn while teaching at Sissonville Jr. High. In 1955 Pat and Ray moved to Scott Depot and she began teaching English at Nitro High School until November 1971. While there, she loved interacting with “her kids”, teaching them to think and create, and has always been proud of their personal and professional achievements. She then joined Ray in Puerto Rico, where he was on assignment as an inspector for Union Carbide and taught at the Caribbean School. Ray and Pat lived for 11 years in Piscataway, New Jersey, Antwerp, Belgium and Dickinson, TX while with Union Carbide before returning to Scott Depot. Those assignments allowed them to travel the Caribbean and Europe, into Russia and the Scandinavian countries.

During her tenure at Nitro High School, she served turns as Head of the

English Department and as President of Kanawha County English Teachers Association. After leaving she funded the Nitro High School "Pillars of Character Scholarship Award" for several years.

Having served as President (1987-1988), she also served as Secretary (2000-2001) of Putnam County Republican Women's Club. She was a past member of Pilot Club of Charleston

Longtime member of the Teays Valley Club, the Putnam County branch, of the Carbide Old-timers serving on their program and food committees. As a member of Sleepy Hollow Golf Course since the early 60's she enjoyed golf, dining, and social interaction.

She was a charter member of The Golden Oldies, a small group of special friends that have enjoyed each other's company for years and also in smaller group of friends that met regularly before her illness.

As a genteel southern lady, Pat never met a stranger, always greeting folks with a smile and kindness, often making new friends, regardless of the location or country. Two of her most treasured friends, Vernon Young and Iva Danner, have spoken on the phone daily for years. Having lost a special student to the Vietnam War, she made it her mission to approach anyone in uniform, asking, "Can I give you a hug and where have you served?", letting them know how much she appreciated their service.

Surviving daughter, Patti Rae Shinn of Hurricane, step-daughter, Beverly Terpening of Poca, half-brother, Dr. Robert Kellison, wife, Larita of Cary, NC., his children, Dr. Kimberly Kellison, husband, George, and son Dr. Todd Kellison, wife, Greta of Morehead City, NC. Step-grandchildren, Paula Nelson, her sons, Danny, Trey and Bobby, step-grandson, Ralph Terpening, and his daughter, Samantha.

She was predeceased by her biological mother, Lillian Sharp Kellison of Marlinton, half-brother, Jack Kellison of Aborvale, half-sisters, Jean Van Reenan of Beckley, Lucy Moore of Marlinton and Rose Kordoos of Cape Coral, Florida. Also, a step-grandchild, Robert Terpening.

A tremendous debt of gratitude to Helen Carter, Jeanne Brewster and Sharon Lyons for their love and caring in this final phase of her life.

Funeral service will be held at 12:30 pm, Thursday, December 20, 2018 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane with Reverend Charles "Sonny" Williams and Dr. Kyle Key officiating. Her entombment will follow next to Ray at Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Visitation will be from 11:00am until service time, Thursday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the P Shinn Nitro High School Scholarship, at the Putnam County Bank would be appreciated.

You may share memories of Mrs. Shinn by visiting her tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Shinn family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
Saint Albans, WV 25177

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 20. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane
3941 Teays Valley Road
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia C. Shinn*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Pat was a special friend to my mother, Mildred Bockway, a fellow teacher at Nitro High school. My mother passed away in 2012, a week before Mother's Day. Pat knew that would be a difficult Mother's Day so she and her daughter, Patti, invited my brother and I out for a special Mother's Day lunch at Sleepy Hollow. Spending that time with a friend of my mom got me through that day. Her kindness was much appreciated and will be long remembered. And to Patti, my thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your sweet mother.*

Nancy Bockway - December 21, 2018 at 09:44 AM



Thank you, Nancy. A Happy New Year to you and Yours! Your Mother was special lady.

patti shinn - December 31, 2018 at 11:19 PM



“ *My dear friend, Pat. How I will miss our talks about Puerto Rico and Europe. I am so happy that even after we moved to Florida we were able to keep in touch. My Jack left us in March and I am sure the two of you are up there visiting again. Till we meet again, all my love to you and your family. Terri Hayslett*

Terryll Hayslett - December 20, 2018 at 02:04 PM

PS

Terri, she so enjoyed your company and was always excited when you and Jack came back to the state to visit. Happy New Year dear lady. Wish we didn't have to start the new year without them.

patti shinn - December 31, 2018 at 11:22 PM

CK

“ *A very beautiful and lovely lady her smile and friendship will be missed by all*



Caroline king - December 20, 2018 at 12:30 AM

PS

Thank you, Caroline. Happy New Year! Hope to see you soon.

patti shinn - December 31, 2018 at 11:35 PM

KE

“ *The West Virginia and Kanawha County Associations of Retired School Employees extend their sincere sympathy to you, the family, in your sorrow. Blessings to all.*

Kanawha Co. Retired School Employees - December 19, 2018 at 11:18 PM

HG

“ *She was a very good friend for many years and she will be missed. I wanted to send my condolences to the family.*

Howard Gregory - December 19, 2018 at 10:19 PM

GH

“ *Ms. Shinn was our newspaper sponsor at Nitro 1960-61. I loved learning and working with her. She had a great sense of humor. I'll not forget her longing for a French car - she called it 'my Renee Dauphine'. I hope she received and and zipped around town with great joy! She was a lovely woman. Gretchen Brown Holt*

gretchen brown holt - December 19, 2018 at 11:44 AM

CF

Mrs. Shinn was a soft-spoken woman who embodied what being a lady and an outstanding teacher should be. She didn't need to raise her voice-you just didn't want to give her a reason. I credit her for teaching us when to use me or I properly after a preposition. I assume the student she was referring to was Steve Moore. Consider yourself lucky if you had Mrs. Shinn for 11th grade English at Nitro.

Charles Foster - December 19, 2018 at 08:18 PM

PS

Yes it was Steve. A special young man and student but only one of many that were special to her. I believe she felt teaching was a calling not just a vocation and cared so much for the lives she helped to shape.

Patti Shinn - December 21, 2018 at 06:31 AM

KR

Mrs. Shinn was one of my favorite teachers at NHS in 1966-67. I admired her grace, beauty and elegance as an example during my teen years in high school, while learning proper English from her. My sympathy is extended to her family during this sad time as I am sure she will be missed.

Karen Robinson - December 23, 2018 at 07:30 AM

PS

Thank you Karen for sharing. A Happy New Year to you and yours.

patti shinn - December 31, 2018 at 11:25 PM

JB

Patti, I was shocked and saddened when I discovered a few days ago when looking for you on FB and discovered that PAT, a precious friend, your dear Mother, had said goodbye to you before Christmas. What a sad day that was for you. She was a dear, precious friend. I look forward to talking with you soon. Love and Prayers, Judy

judith bruffy - February 08, 2019 at 01:02 AM

DR

“ *DAVID H ROLLINS purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Patricia C. Shinn.*



DAVID H ROLLINS - December 19, 2018 at 10:37 AM

NY

“ *I was saddened by the passing of Mrs. Shinn. She was my English teacher at NHS when I was a sophomore. She was a wonderful teacher and always walked with her head held high in her high heel shoes. She must have liked me because on several occasions she would call me to her desk and ask me to go to The Kiddie Shop on 21st Street and buy a dress for her daughter, Patti. I was thrilled to do as she asked. I have fond memories of Mrs. Shinn. She definitely loved her students and I was very blessed to have her as my English teacher.*

*Nancy Lemon Young
NHS Class of 1965*

nancy young - December 19, 2018 at 09:54 AM

GK

“ Mike and I send our deepest condolences. Pat was a dear, special friend for years. She and Mike had a special bond. We have many fond memories of this most gracious lady. She will be greatly missed.



Glenna Kolvek - December 19, 2018 at 09:08 AM

BM

“ Miss Patty, our deepest sympathies, your mother was one of the most “prim and proper” lady’s I have ever known, I was At Nitto high school when she taught, I loved her very proper grammar and her mannerisms, hope you are well, we have not seen you for a while, we are in Florida, we lost dad in 2013, mom is with us, doing well, out thoughts and prayers are with you, Brenda, Charlie, and Madeline, the Millers and Burdettes 🙏🕊️

Brenda Burdette Miller - December 19, 2018 at 08:18 AM

PS

Thank you Brenda. The best to the Burdette and Miller families. Sending a hug to your Mom.

patti shinn - December 31, 2018 at 11:27 PM

PB

“ I am very sorry to hear that Aunt Pat has passed . It’s strange that I’ve been thinking about her and wondering if she was still living as we have been in Mi 32 years . We would mostly see her at family reunions . She always had a smile for everyone . Will be thinking of you Patti Rae .

Peggy Shinn Bunner - December 17, 2018 at 11:08 PM

PS

Thank you Peggy. Happy New Year Cuz!

patti shinn - December 31, 2018 at 11:28 PM

MM

“ *I Absolutely loved this woman she would come in Bob Evan's an always say there's my girl an tell me these stories ..she loved her cinnamon blossoms ..she will definitely b missed by us at Bob's love u Mrs. Patt*

Melanie Mccallister - December 17, 2018 at 10:29 PM

EM

“ *Patty, so sorry. I thought the world of Miss Pat. What a charming, delightful lady. We are so blessed to have had her as part of our lives. If I can help at all, let me know. I have been where you are. Love and hugs from Crooked Creek forever!*

Ellen Mills-Pauley - December 17, 2018 at 09:58 PM

BY

“ *Patti, we are sorry to learn of your mother passing. She was a very caring and kind lady. We regret we can not be with you during these difficult days, but will keep you in our prayers. Love, Bill and Betty*

Bill and Betty Young - December 17, 2018 at 08:37 PM

PS

Thank you, Betty. Happy New Year to you and Bill!

patti shinn - December 31, 2018 at 11:33 PM

SH

“ Pat was a dear friend of my Mothers', Evon Henderson. I used to see Pat at Sleepy Hollow In the dinning room and always Gave her a hug. What a sweet Classy lady. Heaven has gained An angel.

Scott Henderson - December 17, 2018 at 04:19 PM

PS

Thank you, Scott. Mother thought so much of your Mom. A Happy New Year to you!

patti shinn - December 31, 2018 at 11:32 PM