



## Patricia L. Supinski

November 24, 2022

Patricia L. Supinski passed away on Thursday, November 24, 2022 in Portsmouth, Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Eugene P. Supinski, her two daughters, Kathy Anne Cannon (Max) and Debbie Friedman (Mark), 10 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

Patricia was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, and met and married her best friend, Gene, in Cleveland. They would move to Illinois, West Virginia, and then Virginia. While living in Illinois, she ran the Colonial Yarn Shop out of her home. After moving to Virginia in 1975, she created a line of counted cross stitch kits known as Traditionals by Tricia. In 1981 she opened Folk Art Emporium in Chesapeake, to have a business location for her cross stitch kits and to sell gifts and hand craft supplies. In 1987, the store was renamed 18th Century Merchant. Tricia expanded into gifts, home decor, and tableware, a mail-order catalog, and online shopping. Both of her daughters worked at the store at various times, along with her husband.

Tricia loved the different seasons. Her favorite season was Autumn, and she loved to decorate the store – and many rooms in her home – with pumpkins and fall colors. She was a true animal lover, and welcomed many cats into her home over the years. Her joys were reading, visiting historic restorations, and shopping at small stores. She was passionate about the art of shopping, and delighted in discovering little treasures, a feeling she sought to recreate for

her customers in her own store. Tricia especially enjoyed getting to personally know so many of her customers, and would chat about books, cats, and just about anything with them. She was an amazing listener, and very insightful. She had a keen eye for design and color, and a natural business sense.

At Tricia's request, there will be no service, nor donations or memorials. She requested that anyone wishing to remember her go shopping at their favorite small store and buy a little something and enjoy it.

Tricia is greatly missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Tricia and the 18th Century were a gift to us all. She is much missed. My deepest sympathy.*  
*Peg Hartman*

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**Peg Hartman** - December 12, 2022 at 12:21 PM

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“ *Tricia was a dear and delightful next door neighbor we valued greatly. We are so sorry to learn of her passing. Our heart goes out to Gene, and to her family. We will miss her.*

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**susan morris** - December 11, 2022 at 07:17 PM



“ *Debbie, Mark, and Brad, we are so sorry for your loss. May Tricia's memory be for a blessing. Sara and Judd Mendelson*

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**Sara Mendelson** - December 11, 2022 at 01:25 PM