



Patricia R. Rary

February 19, 2015

Patricia Olivia Rohr Rary,

In the early hours of Feb. 19, 2015, Patricia R. Rary better known as "Mom Pat" went to be with the other angels in heaven. Pat was preceded in death by her beloved husband Lewis Elwood Rary, her parents Annah and Thomas Rohr and her brother Thomas C. Rohr.

Pat was born and raised in Alexandria where she graduated from George Washington High School and completed two years of college before entering the work force. She worked for the Federal Government for a number of years in Washington DC before becoming a legal secretary and bookkeeper for a law firm in Alexandria.

At the age of 12 she joined a Masonic Order for girls known then as Job's Daughters and currently known as Job's Daughters International (JDI). This began a dedication in 1950 of continuous service of loving and giving which has lasted 65 years. Pat began as a daughter, holding several positions and finally being elected into a leadership role. She served as Honored Queen of Bethel 4, Alexandria from June – December 1956 where she initiated 19 girls into Bethel 4 at her first meeting.

As an adult Pat has continued her service to the Order. She began on the Bethel Guardian Council of Bethel 4 where she served as Guardian Secretary and Bethel Guardian. During that time she worked with many of the Northern Virginia Bethels serving as the Deputy Grand Guardian. In 1966 Pat was elected as the Grand Guardian of Virginia, serving with R. Vance Watkins of Bethel 46.

While living in Alexandria Pat met the love of her life, Lewis E. Rary. They were married in 1974 and moved to Portsmouth.

Pat and Lewis both worked with Job's Daughters on many Bethel Guardian Councils in the Hampton Roads area including, Bethel 48 Portsmouth where Pat served as Bethel Guardian.

Over the past 28 years Pat has been the Grand Secretary of Virginia, again serving the entire Commonwealth.

Pat joined Fellowship Chapter # 140 Order of the Eastern Star where she had served as Worthy Matron two separate times and for the last 25 years as the Secretary. For the last three years Pat has been the Assistant Lecture District #48. Pat is well known throughout the Tidewater area as someone who is ready, willing and able to assist any Order of the Eastern Star Chapter when needed.

She was also a member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization International (P. E. O.) for the past 52 years.

Pat is survived by a daughter Cynthia R. Black of Portsmouth and two granddaughters, Christina R. Black of Richmond, California and Carey B Ward of Portsmouth as well as 2 great grandchildren, a sister in law Brandon Rohr of Irvington, Virginia, a niece Courtney of Fairfax County, a nephew Brian of South Carolina as well as several great nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A funeral service will be held in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. by Rev. Dr. Jean Bozeman and Rev. Dr. E. Clifton Whitlock. An Eastern Star service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with visitation to follow until 7:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Guardian Counsel of VA; Lewis Rary Scholarship Fund c/o Mrs. Valorie Koogler 8000 Cardiff Street Mason Neck, VA 22079-3511.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ One of my memories of Pat was the "headaches" she caused me and Phyllis DeMarco on many occasions. When I first went in Grand Line- our families spent numerous weekends at her house which always produced a "headache" for Phyllis and I-as we did not know she served only DECAF coffee! She was a true lady and gracious host, which will always be remembered by not only myself but all Job's Daughters International.

Donald F. Ritenour

Past Associate Grand Guardian VA

Past Associate Bethel Guardian #55

Donald F. Ritenour - February 25, 2015 at 10:11 AM

DR

“ When receiving the news of the passing of Pat, I was sad to know that I would never see her smiling face or hear her comforting words. Pat and my mom, Phyllis DeMarco and I had a very close relationship over the years. We spent many visits together as we traveled to Portsmouth. She and Lewis were very special and she will be truly missed by ALL!. She touched the lives of all who came to know her - especially the Job's Daughters in the state of Virginia and those International.

Debbie DeMarco Ritenour

Past Honored Queen #4 June-December '75

PBG #4 and #45

Recipient of the Degree of Royal Purple

Debbie DeMarco Ritenour - February 25, 2015 at 10:03 AM

JE

“ Mom Pat was a wonderful woman who kept all of us Jobies in line by guiding us with a loving heart and strict rule. She will be missed by all who knew her. I loved going to her house for planning meetings...she made the best pound cake ever! My prayers to her family and all friends.

Jessie Daughtrey Ricks, PHQ, Bethel #28 Suffolk

Jessie - February 24, 2015 at 01:44 PM

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“ I remember Mom Pat from my years in Job's Daughters and my years in the Eastern Star. I know she knew my parents, Ann and Bill Matson, and worked often with my mom in the Star. She was knowledgeable and friendly and beautiful. My prayers to her family. Wishing you many sweet memories. Anita Matson Monroe, Past Honored Queen, Bethel #3, IOJD and Member, Ocean View Chapter #34, Norfolk

Anita Monroe - February 24, 2015 at 07:53 AM

DW

“ Even after all these years I have fond memories of Pat from my years in Job's Daughters. I am saddened to hear of her passing. I send sincere condolences to her family.

Deborah Willoughby Past Honored Queen Dec 74 - June 75 Bethel #4 Alexandria, VA



deborah willoughby - February 22, 2015 at 11:23 PM