



Patricia Ann Donahue

September 6, 2024

Patricia Ann Donahue (Patti, Pat), a cherished educator and devoted member of her community, passed away peacefully on September 6, 2024, at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center in Woodbridge, VA, at the age of 76.

Pat dedicated her life to the education of young minds, serving with passion and commitment as the librarian at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School in Woodbridge in the late 80s. She then worked for Prince William County Schools as a librarian and then a technology specialist. She finished her career as the first Supervisor of Instructional Technology for PWCS until her retirement in 2010. Her legacy in education continues to inspire both colleagues and students alike.

A woman of deep faith, Patti was an active and beloved member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Lake Ridge, VA, since its opening in 1976, where she contributed to numerous community and spiritual activities.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Millard and Rozelle (Simcox) Goins. She leaves behind her loving husband of 53 years, Vincent Donahue, with whom she built a beautiful life filled with love, faith, and family. Patti is also survived by her children and their spouses: Daniel and Melba Donahue, Kevin and Jennifer Donahue, Elizabeth and Jasper Saunders, and Rebekah and Stephen Hinson. Her legacy extends through her grandchildren. She was the greatest Mimi ever to Abigail, Isabelle, Brendan, Adam, William, Patrick, Christian, and Vincent, who were the lights of her life. She is also remembered by her brother, Kenneth Goins, and sister, Janet Sassaman, along with a host of extended family and friends who were touched by her kindness and warmth.

Patricia's life will be honored with a viewing on Saturday, September 14th, from 3 PM to 6 PM at Miller Funeral Home, located at 3200 Golansky Blvd, Woodbridge, VA. A funeral Mass celebrating her life will take place on Monday, September 16th, at 11 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 12807 Valleywood Drive, Lake Ridge, VA. A reception will follow where stories and memories of Patti will be shared among those who loved her.

Patricia Donahue's spirit, her dedication to her family, her faith, and her community will continue to inspire all who knew her. Her life was a testament to love, service, and education, leaving an

indelible mark on the hearts of many

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **14.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Mass

SEP **16.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
12807 Valleywood Drive
Lake Ridge, VA 22192
<https://setonlakeridge.org/>

Tribute Wall

NF

“ Nancy F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Ann Donahue.

Nancy F. - September 14, 2024 at 03:58 PM

MG

“ Mary Page Clay & the Page Girls purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.



Mary Page Clay & the Page Girls - September 13, 2024 at 06:35 PM

FS

“ From 1st cousin Neil W. Simcox purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.



From 1st cousin Neil W. Simcox - September 13, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.



September 13, 2024 at 12:08 PM

TF

“ *The Villanueva Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.*



The Villanueva Family - September 12, 2024 at 08:47 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.*



September 12, 2024 at 05:16 PM

CB

“ *Carol and Steve Bull purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.*



Carol and Steve Bull - September 12, 2024 at 11:21 AM

SB

“ *I lived on Drexel St. in Lake Ridge and we were good friends. At the time we both had 2 boys , and they played together. And we visited each other. This was b4 we went back to work. She was a dear friend. SUE BARKER*

sue barker - September 12, 2024 at 09:02 AM

RR

“ Ryan Ross purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.



Ryan Ross - September 11, 2024 at 05:19 PM

TA

“ The Scott Family - Dave, Sue, Jenni, Amy purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.



The Scott Family - Dave, Sue, Jenni, Amy - September 11, 2024 at 12:38 PM

LS

“ 1 file added to the album Thanksgiving\



Larry Sentman - September 11, 2024 at 11:39 AM

JM

What a beautiful life of Patti, well lived and an important influencer: loving, encouraging, & helping her own beloved family, her students & colleagues, & her devoted faith community. May her loving husband, children, & next generations be comforted by God's grace, the love of our Blessed Mother & her Son, Jesus, now & always. May she rest in that same peace of GOD.

Jane z mazzola - September 11, 2024 at 01:50 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.* ”



September 11, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ *Maria Minton, Roger Davis, and Kristen Y purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.* ”



Maria Minton, Roger Davis, and Kristen Y - September 11, 2024 at 09:53 AM



“ *Alison Nourse-Miller purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.* ”



Alison Nourse-Miller - September 11, 2024 at 09:08 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.* ”



September 11, 2024 at 08:57 AM

VH

“ Vincent Horan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Ann Donahue.

Vincent Horan - September 11, 2024 at 08:02 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.



September 11, 2024 at 08:02 AM

JH

“ Jocelyn. H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Ann Donahue.

Jocelyn. H. - September 10, 2024 at 08:15 PM

LS

“ 6 files added to the album Thanksgiving\



Larry Sentman - September 10, 2024 at 07:53 PM

LS

So sad to hear of Pat's death. Glad that Pat recently celebrated her 67th birthday. Many good memories of the many family events we share with Pat, Vin, and family. I fondly remember the Thanksgivings, Christmas's, birthdays and weddings shared over the years. God bless all of you in the Donahue family.

Larry Sentman - September 10, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.*



September 10, 2024 at 07:41 PM

TS

“ *The Office Staff purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.*



The Office Staff - September 10, 2024 at 06:49 PM

LL

“ *Love, Erik, Laura, and Rosie Lenz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Ann Donahue.*

Love, Erik, Laura, and Rosie Lenz - September 10, 2024 at 06:46 PM

LL

“ Love, Erik, Laura, and Rosie Lenz purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.



Love, Erik, Laura, and Rosie Lenz - September 10, 2024 at 06:46 PM

SB

“ My dear cousin I will always remember our time as young children at play. I'm so glad we got to reminis again. My deepest sympathy and love to your family. May God bring comfort and peace. Love Sandee & Don Boyer, Sarah E Goins, Sharp, family

Sandee Boyer - September 10, 2024 at 05:31 PM

SB

“ Sandra B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Ann Donahue.

Sandra B. - September 10, 2024 at 05:20 PM

PS

“ Joe and I introduced Pat and Vin when she and I taught together and the marriage was perfect. We have kept in touch through the year's. Pat will truly be missed by so many. May she RIP.
**PEACE AND LOVE,
PAULA SHEA**

Paula Shea - September 10, 2024 at 05:03 PM

BG

“ *Bill and Carol Goins purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.*



Bill and Carol Goins - September 10, 2024 at 04:50 PM

JT

“ *John Tillman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Ann Donahue.*

John Tillman - September 10, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.*



September 10, 2024 at 04:32 PM

TF

“ *The Lance family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.*



The Lance family - September 10, 2024 at 03:46 PM

CA

“ Carol Varnadore Aebersold planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Ann Donahue.

Carol Varnadore Aebersold - September 10, 2024 at 03:05 PM

CA

“ Carol Varnadore Aebersold purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patricia Ann Donahue.



Carol Varnadore Aebersold - September 10, 2024 at 03:05 PM

DS

“ My heart goes out to the Donahue Family. Pat was an amazing woman that always encouraged me to go for what I wanted.

Deb Slonaker - September 10, 2024 at 02:42 PM

MA

I'm just now reading about Pat's passing. I met her at Occoquan Elementary right when technology was starting. Every time we ran into each other she'd tell me I had taught her all she knew...ha! She was a lovely, and kind person. My condolences to all of her family! May all of your memories keep her spirit alive in your hearts...she's just a memory away.

Mary Alexander - September 14, 2024 at 12:56 PM