



Patricia A. Block

June 18, 1936 - May 19, 2014

Block, Patricia A. age 77 of New Martinsville, WV, died Monday, May 19, 2014 at home.

She was born June 18, 1936 in St. Louis, MO, a daughter of the late Emanuel and Alta Snow Peden.

A graduate of the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Journalism, she was a former teacher, the long time editor of the Wetzel Chronicle and later was a public relations specialist for West Virginia Northern Community College in New Martinsville. She was the first woman elected to the Wetzel County Board of Education, a founding member of the League of Women Voters, the WVNNC Friends of the College and ArtsLink, the arts council of Wetzel and Tyler Counties. She served on the first operating committee that restored the Lincoln Theater, then known as the Community Theater. In 2003, she was honored as "Citizen of the Year" by the Greater New Martinsville Chamber of Commerce.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Kennett Block; a daughter, Sandra Block and her husband, Dennis Gainer of Arlington, VA; a son, Clifford A. "Chip" Block and his wife, Bonnie; two grandchildren, Candice and Brianna, all of Sterling, VA; a sister, Doloros (Dale) Babbitt of The Villages, FL.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 24, 2014, from 1-4 pm at the Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory 751 Third St. New Martinsville, WV.

Memorial contributions may be made to: ArtsLink, Inc., 141 Main St., New Martinsville, WV 26155 or Wetzel County Animal Shelter, 399 Mollohan Dr.,

New Martinsville, WV 26155.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville

751 Third Street

New Martinsville, WV 26155

(304) 455-1800

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Tribute Wall

AW

“ Dear Block family, please know that this community is better because of Pat's presence, hard work, and dedication. I am sorry I couldn't come to the visitation to day to offer my condolences in person. I guess appropriately, I was busy covering an event for the newspaper! I think she'd understand. She will be missed by the entire community. --Amy Witschey

Amy Witschey - May 24, 2014 at 10:48 PM

BS

“ I cannot count the ways Pat showed her concern and friendship for my well being. Pat was always the first selected to spearhead a community project. I remember the time she encouraged me to participate in the Big Read, and coached me through this project. Our favorite activity was beating a few tennis balls and boy did she have the angles. She always showed her best, on and off the court, perfect strokes for a perfect gal! I traveled with her to Switzerland and Germany, and had the thrill of our lives, braved the autobahn at over 100 miles an hour. Even though Pat offered to drive, we steered away from this proposal. You're right, Donna, Pat could be a little blind sided behind the wheel! Pat is surely one who has stayed the course, and made me a better person. My deepest sympathies to Ken, Chip , Sandy and their families, Love, Barbara

Barbara Snell - May 24, 2014 at 09:21 PM

DS

“ The correct spelling--terrible. Pat would have edited my typing mistake ASAP! Donna

Donna Snyder - May 23, 2014 at 03:47 PM

DS

“ I have so many memories of Pat. She was a my substitute teacher in fourth grade and had the terrible job of introducing new math. And I still haven't mastered it. She did her best, just as she did her best to be a loving wife to Ken and a steadfast support to her children and grandchildren. We shared a love of adoption, tennis and our dogs. I still have the picture Ken surprised me with at Wag's sixteenth birthday party. She was an amazing community leader all her life and Ken was and is just as skilled. She giggled. She loved life. And we loved her. No matter what life brought to me, I knew I had her support. And she always had mine. She fought a battle so bravely, sometimes I forgot she had cancer. We had a great trip together after my father passed. Pat and friends went to Cincinnati to an ATP tournament. We laughed for three days and nights. And, one other thing I know about Pat--she was the worst driver ever! My love, Ken. Donna Snyder

Donna Snyder - May 23, 2014 at 06:45 AM

RT

“ I am so saddened by the passing of Pat Block. She and Ken have been so kind and supportive of me for so many years, and Pat and Ken were friends of my parents for years before that. I had been planning to write a letter to Pat and Ken, thanking them for their friendship. I had not known that she was ill. My sympathies go to Ken, Sandy, Chip, and the grandchildren. -Rob Thomas, Hamilton, Montana.

Robert Thomas - May 22, 2014 at 08:51 AM

RR

“ Ken and Family,
I was sadden to learn of Pats passing. She was a big driving force in the development of so many good programs in New Martinsville and enjoyed reading her articles in the local paper. My sincere sympathy to you Ken, Chip, Sandy and grandchildren.



Ron Ruth - May 21, 2014 at 11:03 PM

 Sharon Campbell

“ I feel very fortunate to have known Pat and to consider her a dear friend. She was that to me. Pat challenged me to apply for a position in a career field that I had previously never considered. She was very persistent! Pat faxed me this job posting twice, insisting that I apply. Well, I did apply and got the job and I had the good fortune to work with Pat on a project that was so near to her heart...ArtsLink. Pat was that rare kind of person one seldom ever meets; one with an impeccable sense of fairness and humanity. My deepest sympathy to the family. We have lost a treasure.



Sharon Campbell

Sharon Campbell - May 21, 2014 at 06:18 PM

IL

“ Dear Ken and family,
So sorry about your loss. Prayers and thoughts are with you. Irene Lohr and family

Irene Lohr - May 21, 2014 at 06:07 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"If love could have saved you" was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Block.*



May 21, 2014 at 05:56 PM



“ So sorry to hear of her passing. She was quite an inspiration to many of us and always involved with the local community. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Ken, Chip and Sandy and her extended family. *The Bonyaks*

Diane Bonyak - May 21, 2014 at 03:15 PM



“ We are saddened by this news. We appreciated Pat and admired and loved her. Surely, New Martinsville is better because of Pat, as are those of us who worked with and knew her. Our sympathy to Ken, Sandy, Chip, and family whom she loved and for whom she had great and deserved pride.

Garnet and George Persinger

Garnet and George Persinger - May 21, 2014 at 01:09 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Block.



May 21, 2014 at 11:12 AM

JT

“ *My most sincere sympathy to the family. She was an inspiration! I am grateful to have known Pat. She has done so much for the community and will be remembered as one of the best. Hugs,*
Jennifer Coffield Tobin

Jennifer Coffield Tobin - May 20, 2014 at 07:21 PM



“ *I will always remember her smile and how friendly she was to everyone.*

Betty Ann Thomas - May 20, 2014 at 06:02 PM