



Patricia (Patt) Evans Stowers

January 14, 1933 - August 21, 2018

Patricia (Patt) Evans Stowers, age 85, died at the home of her daughter, Laura Coons, in Bloomington on August 21, 2018.

Patt was born in Indianapolis on January 14, 1933 to Lucille Evans and Robert Stowers of South Bend. She married her soulmate Frederick W. Coons M.D. on September 29, 1956. Fred was the director of the Psychology Division at the I.U. Student Health Center and also had a private counseling practice alongside Patt. The couple co-counseled until his death July 14, 1980, and Patt continued the practice until her retirement around 2005.

Patricia graduated from South Bend Central High School, DePauw University in Greencastle with a BA degree, and from Indiana University Bloomington with a degree in counseling and Ed Psych. In addition to her counseling work, Patt taught in the School of Education with courses on Human Sexuality and Marriage/Family Counseling along with Alan P. Bell, Ph.D. which she continued after his passing.

Patt was also a volunteer for the Girl Scouts of America, doing training, serving as Neighborhood Chairman, and was the First Vice President of the Girl Scout Council in Bloomington.

After retirement, Patt continued her civics work and volunteered at the Bloomington Hospital, Volunteers in Medicine, and Hospice.

Many know Patt for her quirkiness, sense of humor and heartfelt honesty. Everyone has a "Patt Story" to tell. And we will remember her fondly. We would love for you to share your favorite stories and/or photos, which can be sent to celebrating.patt@gmail.com

She is survived by her children, Laura E. Coons and Karl F. Coons, her grandchildren Meghann E. (Aaron P.) Clark and Ryan Coons, and great-grandsons Emerson P. Clark and Spencer B. Clark. As well as her sister Mary Kerr and many nieces and great nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the near future and details will be made public. In lieu of flowers (as many know she wanted to enjoy these things while she was alive) donations may be made to The Patt Stowers Sexual Health Research Travel Fund through the IU Foundation, details developing feel free to email Meghann at celebrating.patt@gmail.com

Comments



“ My late husband and I first met Patt in 1987 when we rented her house on East Third St. across from St. Charles Church. She was not only a great landlady but a wonderful friend. Her delightful sense of humor, her forthright conversations, her sense of fairness and her love for her family will always be remembered. Patt touched so many lives, including the many volunteer duties she performed in medical fields. And I know that IU students always filled the classes she taught with her colleague as she had most interesting discussions and fascinating panelists.

My sincere sympathy and condolences to her family; Patt will live on in the treasured memories she leaves for all of us.

Paula W. Sunderman

Paula W. Sunderman - September 01, 2018 at 11:38 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Patti's passing. We were roommates in Indianapolis in 1955. when she and Fred were courting. I was bridesmaid at her wedding. She encouraged my friendship with Lee who has been my husband for 58 years. We haven't been connected in the last decades but I will always love Patt and remember her fondly.
Mary Lou snare
Plymouth Place Senior Living LaGrange Park, IL 60526

Mary lou Snare - August 30, 2018 at 09:31 PM



“ It was such a surprise to see Patt's picture and obit in the paper. I worked with her at IU when she taught for us. I helped her with anything she needed for her courses. We became fast friends. It was always a joy to see her. We have always kept in touch via email and Facebook. I am so sorry for your loss and everyone's loss. She was a shining light in this world that has gone out. I will dearly miss her.

Brenda Helms

Brenda Helms - August 29, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ What a shock to open this morning's paper and see Patt's name listed in the obituaries. I knew she had health issues but didn't realize that they were so serious. Patt and I were in a book club, with 2 others, who I'm certain will post their memories, for many years. She brought spice, humour and yes, quirkiness to our meetings. She was nearly ALWAYS late!!!! We used to laugh as we waited for her to arrive! She

brought a dimension to the club that we will sorely miss. She often spoke of her family and was particularly proud of her great-grandchildren. She said she didn't like to travel outside her zip code but I believe the lure of those babies lured her out!! I will miss her, and send you, her family, my deepest sympathy.

Carol Campbell - August 25, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Patt's passing. She was such a dear friend to me for the past 30 years... We spent many evenings at Lennies having a leisure dinners, sharing stories and sharing laughs. I always looked forward to our get-togethers -- she was a bright star and will be dearly missed.

Sincere condolences to her family,
Cindy Duffy

cindy duffy - August 25, 2018 at 10:16 AM