



Mrs. Patricia Park Laney

May 13, 1940 - December 20, 2023

Patricia Ann Park Laney, daughter of the late Marcus and Doris Park, passed away peacefully of natural causes on December 20, 2023. She was born on May 13, 1940, and was a lifelong Presbyterian. She is survived by her husband, Thomas (Tom) Laney of McKinney; a brother, William R. (Bill) Park and Donna of Longview; son Mark Thomas Laney and Lee Ann of Amarillo; daughter Lynne Laney Rever and William Harry Rever III of Plano. Blessed by five grandchildren, they are Captain Benjamin T. (Ben) Laney, U.S. Army JAG Korea; Ensign Samuel T. (Sam) Laney, U.S. Navy, MIT, Cambridge, MA; William H. (Will) Rever IV of Hurst; Dr. Robert T. (Rob) Rever, DPT and Anna of Addison, and Rachel Rever, Texas Tech University.

Patricia Park grew up in Henderson where she completed all twelve years of public school, graduating with the Class of 1958 and earning the status of salutatorian and an academic scholarship to Texas Christian University; she transferred to Texas Tech University after one semester.

She met her future husband in her first semester at Tech. Graduating with degrees in math and English, she taught in Lubbock. They were married in the First Presbyterian Church of Henderson.

After Tom's training in the U.S.A.F., they were assigned to an air base in western Oklahoma where Patricia taught math in the local high school and was later the librarian. Mark and Lynne were born in air base hospitals.

Los Angeles was home for one year as they prepared for a career with Continental Airlines and awaiting a transfer to Texas. They reared their children in Duncanville where Patricia was the primary parent, a substitute teacher, and a private tutor. She was a leader in the Presbyterian Church and was ordained an elder. As a result of her own experience with cancer, she became a group leader for those dealing with this ailment in a program of the chaplain's office at Baylor Hospital Dallas. She excelled in this bittersweet labor of love and compassion.

A move to Houston ended her beloved mission at Baylor. Her leadership skills were noticed at the church they joined, and she was called to a leadership role in a large congregation. She made wonderful, lasting friends wherever she lived.

With retirement impending, they moved to Henderson. Here they remained 23 years. In this time, Patricia again served in church leadership. She also volunteered in several organizations: Texas Historical Commission of Rusk County, Rusk County Heritage Association (Howard-Dickenson House), Rusk County Museum Print Shop, Meals on Wheels, Master Gardeners and Rusk County Extension Office programs in nutrition and exercise.

McKinney was the next move to be close to their children, grandchildren, as well as other members of the Park family. She was also eager to be part of another Presbyterian Church family.

Sadly, her health began to fail because of earlier surgeries; overlapping ailments continued to sap her strength. Wonderful doctors and nurses, hospitalizations, physical therapy, rehabilitation, and bed rest were not enough to stop her decline. The physical body died at Faith Presbyterian Hospice Dallas.

A celebration of the life Mrs. Laney will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, January 5, 2024, at First Presbyterian Church in Henderson with Rev. Michele Goff and Rev. Candice Klein officiating, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be John Tieken, Dr. John Hillin, Chris Cross, Weldon Gray, Jimmy Chapman and Adan Ovalle.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Presbyterian Children's Home and Services at P.O. Box 140888, Austin, TX 78714-9981.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **5**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
311 S. High St.
Henderson, TX 75654

Celebration of Life

JAN **6**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Presbyterian Church
5871 Virginia Parkway
McKinney, TX 75071

Tribute Wall

AL

“ Pat was one of my late father, Hal Watson Jr.'s, dearest life-long friends. I am so grateful for the heartfelt friendship, love and support Pat and eventually Tom shared with Dad. I enjoyed knowing Pat over the decades myself and really appreciated her support when my dad passed in 2021. She was one of the finest people and will be greatly missed. Blessings to Tom and her whole family.

Amy Logan - February 29, 2024 at 03:41 PM

JG

“ Joe & Tina Grimes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Park Laney



Joe & Tina Grimes - January 05, 2024 at 10:10 PM

BH

“ Barbara & Joel Hale lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Park Laney



Barbara & Joel Hale - January 04, 2024 at 09:48 PM

FC

“ We have such fond memories of our years with Pat and Tom when they lived in Kingwood. We traveled on several wonderful trips with them--the most memorable being to Israel, Egypt, & Jordan. Pat made it to the top of Mount Sinai with Bill giving her a few shoves on the way up while Frances stayed down where the camels were grazing. We worked together as Elders on the Church Life committee and Festival of Angels--we said we were part of the "party" committee. She was always so detailed and a joy to be around. We always admired both Pat & Tom as devoted Christians and will always miss her. Our prayers are with her beloved Tom and her children and grandchildren.

Frances Criner - January 04, 2024 at 06:50 PM

TW

“ *Tracie Washington-Shankle lit a candle in memory of Patricia Park Laney*



Tracie Washington-Shankle - January 04, 2024 at 12:01 AM

SL

“ *I so enjoyed getting to know Pat through our Presbyterian connection. We saw each other seldom but always found lots to talk about. My sincere sympathy to Tom and his family.*
Shirley Grubbs Latham

Shirley Grubbs Latham - January 01, 2024 at 08:49 PM

CM

“ *Heaven just got more light shining in it and a lot more organized. We will miss your earthly presence Pat, but rest well.*
Tom, holding you gently in my heart and loudly in my prayers.



Claudia Morgan-Gray - January 01, 2024 at 02:25 PM

PP

“ *Paul & Lisa Powell*



Paul & Lisa Powell - December 31, 2023 at 12:20 PM

AR

“ *Pat's energy and love of things historic in Henderson will always be a fond memory for me. With the move to McKinney, many of us suffered the loss of Pat the first time; now we share a more significant loss with you Tom and the family. Thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

Art Rousseau - December 30, 2023 at 06:14 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Boren lit a candle in memory of Patricia Park Laney



Carolyn Boren - December 30, 2023 at 05:58 PM

CB

“ Tom &Family, Bill and I are so sorry for the loss of Pat, we have known her from school, and the Presbyterian church , she was a good friend and will be missed , Love from Bill and Carolyn Boren

Carolyn Boren - December 30, 2023 at 05:54 PM

RC

“ Rusk L.E.A.N. Coalition lit a candle in memory of Patricia Park Laney



Rusk County L.E.A.N. Coalition - December 30, 2023 at 05:00 PM

DH

“ Tom I am so sorry to hear this,I loved working for you both Patricia was such a sweet lady and good friend. Praying for the family.

Denise Harris - December 29, 2023 at 07:31 AM

JC

“ My deepest sympathy.

Jimmy Culp - December 29, 2023 at 12:40 AM

JH

“ The Henderson High School Class of 1958 lit a candle in memory of Patricia Park Laney. She will be so missed.



Jenny Hardy - December 28, 2023 at 11:09 PM

KP

“ Pat was a loyal friend and a beloved and devoted member of First Presbyterian Church.



Kathy Porter - December 28, 2023 at 10:30 AM

KP

“ Pat was a loyal friend, a beloved and devoted Presbyterian, and will be so .missed



Kathy Porter - December 27, 2023 at 11:47 PM

KP

“ Kathy Porter lit a candle in memory of Patricia Park Laney



Kathy Porter - December 27, 2023 at 11:28 PM

VA

“ I called her Pat but my mother called her Patricia. They were very close friends. They are catching up now. Tom my heart breaks for you. My prayers are that God gives you peace and comfort. Dont be a stranger, you will always be a Part of the Depot Museum family. Don't worry we will take great care of PARK PRINT SHOP. Pat told me stories of her and Neva (my mom) that I had never heard. Pat rest in peace, and give my mom a big hug and kiss for me.

Vickie Armstrong - December 27, 2023 at 01:49 PM

JN

“ Tom & Family: Please accept our sincere condolences in the loss of Pat. She was a sweet person. Sending you Light and Love as you say goodbye. Jon & James Nicholson

Jon Louis Nicholson - December 27, 2023 at 12:44 PM

SC

“ *Suzanne Cross lit a candle in memory of Patricia Park Laney*



Suzanne Cross - December 27, 2023 at 11:30 AM

JW

“ *Patrica & I grew up in church together. We were truly a church family with the Brandon's.*

Jane Gibson Williams - December 27, 2023 at 11:25 AM

NG

“ *Pat was a precious dear lady I always enjoyed visiting with. Her vast knowledge on many subjects and her wisdom was remarkable. She will be missed and will always have a special place in my heart.*

Nancy & Mark Gibson - December 27, 2023 at 10:46 AM

ED

“ *Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Patricia Park Laney*



Elaine Davis - December 27, 2023 at 08:27 AM

LI

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this.Pat was such a precious lady.My prayers are with all of you.*

LizThrasher - December 27, 2023 at 08:00 AM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends.*
Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - December 26, 2023 at 10:36 PM

CW

“ I am SO sorry to hear of Pat's passing! She was a joy to be associated with in the Historical Commission and the Heritage Association. She will be truly missed. Deepest condolences to Tom and all the family. Praying that God will comfort you in these sad days.

Cyndi Walker - December 26, 2023 at 04:36 PM

MM

Heartfelt sympathy to the family of Pat, especially Tom and Bill, her brother. Pat grew up in Henderson and returned here after living away for a number of years. She and Tom contributed in many ways to the community while they were here. Praying for the family.

Sincerely,
Mary W. McGee

Mary McGee - January 05, 2024 at 11:40 AM