



## Patricia Mackey

July 29, 1941 - June 4, 2018

It was in the afternoon on June 4, 2018, when the supreme council of Heaven met to review the names of those being considered to receive their heavenly reward. Only the very special would be selected to be called from their earthly labor on this, another great day of celebration. As they scanned the list, the Holy Spirit noticed the name of Patricia Elaine Mackey, born on July 29, 1941. She was the daughter of the late Timothy and Hazel Mackey.

The records reflected that she toiled for close to 77 years, without complaint, and was known to be a faithful servant. Moisture slowly swelled in His eyes and if one looked very closely, one could discern the beginning of what would become a fully blown Holy Smile and then He softly announced, "Let's bring her home". The council did not even bother to discuss, but collectively concurred, and so it was on this day, Patricia got the official call to come home to her eternal rest.

All who knew Pat believed her to be reserved, knowledgeable, confident, compassionate and giving. Everyone who met her wanted to be her friend.

Pat was the youngest of six siblings, all, who preceded her in death. Although her father passed during her teenage years, she boasted of being a "daddy's girl".

Pat attended St Francis Xavier Catholic School and St Frances (of Rome) Academy, received her Bachelor in Anthropology from Hunter College City University of New York, and her Master of Library Science at Columbia University.

Although Pat truly loved all her siblings, she truly admired her big brother Billy. While Billy, then a Captain in the Air Force, was stationed in Germany, Pat decided to visit him for a few days. However, when Billy's tour was completed, he left Germany, and Pat stayed. She then lived in Wiesbaden, and worked as an assistant Librarian in the European Exchange System in Mainz-Castle, Germany until 1968. While living in Germany, Pat's Friendship Tree continued to grow. She acquired many friends, not just acquaintances, both European and American who continued their communication, even after her return to the States. One could say, this may also have been, when our beloved Pat "found herself". It was during her time in Germany that she became more outgoing, and when our dignified Pat, learned how to party. While living in Germany she, also took advantage of her opportunity to tour Europe. When returning to the States, Pat chose to live in New York. The Friendship Tree continued to grow here. She began her New York friendship while working as Interlibrary assistant at Polytechnic University in Brooklyn. She then moved on to Rockefeller University in New York, where she began as Library assistant in 1972 and continued to advance, allowing her to retire as the First African American to become Director of the Rockefeller University Library System.

Pat was the Chair of public service scholars program at Hunter College since 1992. She was Trustee Metropolitan New York Library Council since 2000, also 1st president.

She was a Member of American Library Association, Association College and Research Libraries, New York State Library. Also Hunter College Alumni Association (board of directors since 1998, Second Vice President (1998-

2002), Mentor Public Service Scholars Program for Special Research Student.

Pat may have had no biological children, but truly loved all of her nieces and nephews. Aunt Pat was the glue that kept the family together. She could be counted on to update everyone about accomplishments, birthdays, or when some family member needed support. She had a close relationship with all her nieces and nephews. They would confide in her, or seek council. They always received support and always felt loved.

Pat donated to several charities. She was most generous to The Oblate Sisters of Providence, as she felt that the Sisters helped to “mold” her, and prepare her to become the lady that she was. As a student of St Frances Academy, Pat was challenged intellectually, learned to establish a relationship with the Lord, and reinforce her home training in becoming a lady. In 1959, she graduated in the top 10% of her class. She later coordinated the 41st anniversary celebration, for her class.

Pat enjoyed entertaining. In earlier years, folk would gather in to her NY apartment, where there was not much space, but everyone would always have a great time. These were the only times when Pat would smoke a cigarette. When she prepared for a party, she would include a pack of cigarettes on the list. Since she only “smoked” a few, someone would inherit those remaining.

Pat built a home in York, PA. When in residence, she would open her beautiful home to her family and friends. She genuinely took pleasure in preparing meals, (sometimes new recipes) and entertaining. Pat was the perfect hostess.

She will be sorely missed. Cherishing her memory are: her nephews, Donald Wainwright of Lehi, Utah, Francis Wainwright and Timothy Green of Baltimore, Israel Esters of the Philippines, Daryl Rose of Suffolk, England, nieces, George Faidley and Duane Wainwright of Baltimore, Michella Esters of Omaha, Rachel Esters of Colorado, Toni Dunmore of Long Beach, CA, Thaisa Kinney of Charlotte NC, several grand nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21244  
(410) 944-8300  
info@kingmemorialpark.com  
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 13. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church  
1501 E. Oliver Street  
Baltimore, MD 21205

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Mackey*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - June 12, 2018 at 02:32 PM