



## Mrs. Marilyn B. Patton

September 26, 1930 - April 9, 2014

Marilyn Blomberg Patton, 83, died at her home on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, after an extended illness. A native of Asheville, Marilyn was the daughter of the late Harry D. and Shirley R. Blomberg. She was a 1947 graduate of Saint Genevieve of the Pines and briefly attended the University of Miami before returning to Asheville to marry her high school sweetheart, Buddy.

She is survived by her children, Marilyn L. "Lynn" Patton, Patricia Patton Grimes (Junius), and Harry R. Patton (Lisa), four grandchildren: Anna Grimes, Lindsay Patton, Harry Patton, Jr., and Elizabeth Patton; and her sister Barbara A. Blomberg. Marilyn's husband of 58 years, S.M. (Buddy) Patton, predeceased her on February 21, 2007.

Marilyn was an avid volunteer in the Asheville community she so loved. Her primary service was with the Saint Joseph's Hospital Guild, donating over 21,000 volunteer service hours beginning in 1956 through 2006. She served as Guild President in 1994 and also served at the state level as president of the North Carolina Hospital Volunteers Association from 1987-1989. Under her guidance, the St. Joseph's Guild funded the first equipment to measure bone density in Western North Carolina.

She served as a Mission Hospital Healthcare Foundation trustee from 2001 through November of 2013. According to an honorary plaque given to her by

the Mission Healthcare Foundation in 2013, "Marilyn has proudly carried on the legacy of the Blomberg and Patton families in uplifting and building Western North Carolina." She and her family helped fund the Blomberg Surgical Suite at St. Joseph's following her mother's death in 1992. David Bailey, director of United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County, has said that Marilyn and her family have consistently been United Way's largest donors. Harry's Buick GMC Cadillac, founded by her father, was the title sponsor of the Chakales Golf Tournament for many years, long before the tournament was renamed the Chakales-Patton Tournament in 1988. In it's 24 years, the tournament has raised nearly two million dollars to support a variety of cancer related programs and services at Mission.

Marilyn was also President of Biltmore Industries (Groewood Gallery/Gallery of the Mountains) whose employees she considered part of her extended family.

Her family would like to thank doctors Clay Balentine and Edward Isbey, III for their care, kindness and love and Marilyn's caregivers Coleen Moss, Cindy Waddell, Deana Banks, Holly Gosnell, Anna Sheley, Pearl Dinnall and Dick Cosgrove.

A funeral service will be held 1:30 PM, Sunday, April 13, 2014 at Congregation Beth Ha Tephila with Rabbi Batsheva Meiri officiating. Interment will immediately follow at Riverside Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Saturday at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in her memory to the Mission Healthcare Foundation, PO Box 5363, Asheville, NC 28813 or CarePartner's Hospice Foundation, PO Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813.



# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Previous Events

## Family will Receive Friends

APR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 252-1821  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Marilyn B. Patton*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Psalm 9:9&10.*

F.H. - April 15, 2014 at 06:34 AM



“ *Lucie And Jeff Hackney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn B. Patton*



Lucie and Jeff Hackney - April 14, 2014 at 05:07 PM



*We had the privilege of spending a little time with Marilyn several times through Jeff's affiliation as an artist with Grovewood. She was an absolute joy and treasure and a gift to this earth. Our hearts and thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Lucie and Jeff Hackney - April 14, 2014 at 05:09 PM



“ *Gracious lady from a wonderfully generous family. Marilyn and Buddy Patton were great for each other and great for Asheville. Our deepest condolences.*

*Gay and David Cogburn*

Gay and David Cogburn - April 13, 2014 at 12:00 PM

BJ

“ Lynn, Harry, Pat & Barbara,

*Expressing my deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved mother and sister, Marilyn.*

*Marilyn and I shared the love of volunteering at St. Joseph's Hospital for many years.*

*No one who knew her could ever forget her kindness and warmth.*

*Sincerely,  
Barbara Johnson*



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**Barbara Johnson** - April 13, 2014 at 10:49 AM

DB

“ Dottie Burge Braswell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn B. Patton



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**Dottie Burge Braswell** - April 13, 2014 at 12:10 AM

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*Dottie Burge Braswell*

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**Dottie Burge Braswell** - April 13, 2014 at 12:11 AM

SD

“ Lynn,Pat & Harry,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your mom was an exceptional woman-always ready with a smile,kind work or hug. She was very special to all of the Doloboff family and we will miss her so.G-d Bless*

*Susan Doloboff DiChiara*

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**Susan DiChiara** - April 12, 2014 at 12:17 PM

DD

“ *What a wonderfull woman and a giving family. When she is resurrected to life here on earth, she and all ones will have the opportunity to live forever (Psalm 37:29) Our creator's original purpose was for mankind to live forever on a PARADISE earth. As stated in Job 14:14,15, God will call and Job would answer. So all in the memorial tombs will here God's voice and come out to a perfect earth. So we will see you all there!*

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**Dick Van Dyke** - April 12, 2014 at 11:29 AM

BC

“ *Marilyn and I shared a love of St. Joseph's Hospital for many, many years. She will be missed by all. My sincere condolences. Betty Carleton*

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**Betty Carleton** - April 12, 2014 at 11:06 AM

BB

“ *My condolences go to the Patton family in the loss of Marilyn. I had the privilege of working wth Buddy, Mr Bloomberg, Pat, and Harry.These are fonnd memories. Buck Byrd Family*

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**buck byrd** - April 12, 2014 at 08:39 AM

KE

“ Sorry for your loss . We will keep you in our prayers.

*Kent and Inez Lominac*



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**Kent** - April 11, 2014 at 05:52 PM

PS

“ Marilyn and our Mom, Ruth Queen, enjoyed years of friendship and volunteer hours at St. Joseph's Hospital Gift Shop and Guild. They admired one another and had so much fun on buying trips for the gift shop.

*We were saddened to hear of your mother's passing. She certainly knew how to light up a room with her smiling face! She will be missed by so many who knew and loved her. On behalf of our Mother and family, we send our sincere condolences to all of you. May God Be With Each of You. May you lean upon one another as a family during this time of sorrow.*

*Paula Q Smith and Kathy Q Stafford*

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**Paula Smith** - April 11, 2014 at 11:03 AM

JW

“ A bright force in the world has left us..and we are a little dimmer for it.

*Love you all*

*Thinking of you all*

*Jacquelyn waxenberg*

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**jacquelyn waxenberg** - April 11, 2014 at 09:52 AM

GM

“ *Our sincere condolences go to the entire Patton family in this time of sorrow. Gil and Carol Michael*

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**Gil and Carol Michael** - April 11, 2014 at 06:59 AM

JT

“ *Patty, Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family in the passing of your Mother. John Tart / Robert Russell*

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**John Tart** - April 11, 2014 at 05:48 AM

DW

“ *Pat, Lynn and Harry*  
*I am so very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing, Your family has always been very good to me at Gudger's Flowers and I will always treasure the visits to Mrs. Blomberg's home and her weekly visits at the salon where I worked, she started a wonderful friendship with all of you folks that has gone on for years. I will certainly miss Marilyn, always loved the times I delivered to her and visited with her and her lab.*  
*I will be thinking of all of you*

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**David West** - April 10, 2014 at 07:15 PM