



Patricia Ann Ramsey

March 17, 1931 - November 8, 2021

Patricia Ann Bell Ramsey, 90, of Asheville, passed away on Monday November 8, 2021 at Brooks-Howell Home. An Asheville native, she was born on March 17, 1931 and was the daughter of the late Mary Edith Spielman Bell and William Harold Bell.

On May 31, 1952, she married the love of her life, Hiden Ramsey, who preceded her in death in 1991. Also preceding her in death were two brothers, C. Ritchie Bell and W. David Bell both of Chapel Hill.

Pat was a graduate of The Plonk School of Creative Arts on Charlotte St. in Asheville and later attended West Hampton College in Richmond VA.

In her youth she was a member of The Terpsichorean Club, The Old Maids Club and the Asheville Junior assembly. Later in life she was a member of The Junior League of Asheville.

Pat had one goal in life, to be a good mother and she surely succeeded in that. But along that path, she lived a full, accomplished and fun life. She loved to travel and after Hiden's death she and friend, Loretta Warlick, set off on numerous adventures around the world.

Pat was a woman of many and varied talents. An accomplished artist she

painted on everything from china to a mural on the closet doors in the guest room. But it was traditional watercolors where she excelled. Many of us are blessed to have her art hanging in our homes. In addition to her own art she was a supporter of the Asheville Art Museum.

When a fireplace was added to the family room, her desire for a stone facade had her bringing back river rocks from the family property in Reems Creek. Always the creative, she alone built the stone wall and hearth much to the amazement and admiration of all.

Pat and Hiden were known for their over-the-top parties which, at one such event, involved bringing in farm animals. Hence her passion for animals of any ilk. There were always animals in the family home from dogs, cats, tadpoles, a great horned toad, bunnies to pet monkeys. Not that having three young boys wasn't enough to deal with, it was off to the animal shelter and home with three mutts—one for each!

She was also an animal rehabilitator so something was always being cared for, even a bear cub at one point. In her later days she gained great joy in watching all her critters come visit the feeding box at the kitchen window as well as the bird feeder outside her bedroom window. She was a longtime volunteer at the WNC Nature Center.

When she wasn't dealing with 3 boys, numerous pets, building walls, rehabbing injured animals or painting, Pat worked as the Welcome Wagon hostess for a number of years. You can be sure that newcomers to Asheville were impressed with her gracious and effervescent personality. A side benefit... there was always a brand new Camaro in the driveway (thanks Bob Hunter). After a stint at a young startup, The Asheville News, she embarked on a 20-year career with Standard Paper in Asheville as a salesperson/designer for many businesses in Asheville bringing the concept

of “matched packaging” to her customers.

Pat cherished her family and friends, was loved by all who knew her, and her kind heart and sense of humor will certainly be missed. She leaves to honor her memory three sons, David Hiden Ramsey of Charlotte (Catherine Russell); Graham Leftwich Ramsey (Leslie Keller) of Asheville; Patrick Martin Ramsey of Weaverville; grandchildren, Paige Ramsey; Graham Ramsey Jr.; Kelly Bodman Willis (Scott) and Christopher Bodman (Hannah) and great-grandchildren Barrett and Zoey Willis.

A graveside service will honor the life of Pat Ramsey on Sunday November 14th at 2:00pm in Riverside Cemetery, 53 Birch Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

In keeping with her love of all animals, memorials made in her name to the WNC Nature Center would make her very happy. <https://wildwnc.org/donate/>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Riverside Cemetery
53 Birch Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Ann Ramsey*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *David, Graham, Martin:*

I was very sad to learn of Pat's death, and so sorry to miss seeing you all this past weekend. The Stickney family goes back a long way with the Ramseys, and Pat was at the center of it. Pat and Dottie, who were especially close friends, had seen so many of their awesome circle of friends pass so recently. I remember Pat as very poised, distinctive, earnest and fun-loving. The lady had style. This picture of her evokes many pleasant thoughts and memories. My wish is for peace and grace to all of you, now and forever.

--Jimbo Stickney

Jim Stickney - November 15, 2021 at 07:33 PM



“ *I will miss Pat and treasure the fond, loving memories we made together. She was always kind and even did some clothes altering for me which was way above my sewing skill level. I really enjoyed relating to her as artist to artist. I have kept all her little bunny pieces and Christmas cards which came every year. She even painted friend's pets after their passing, bringing much joy in years to come. My children Jennifer and Callahan considered her a dear friend just as I did. We will all miss her. I'll be looking for her to drop by this Christmas afternoon as she always did, and we'll raise a glass together. Mollie Warlick*

mollie warlick - November 15, 2021 at 11:10 AM

LA

“ To all the Ramsey’s and extended family; As you can read from my siblings Pat was indeed very special to each one of us, We all have memories of her visiting us in our homes or on the road as a traveling companion with our Mom. Her last visit to Belmont we visited the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden. She brought much joy to all of us through the years and no doubt will continue to grace our holidays and adventures with many memories to share. Blessings to each of you today as you remember what she taught each of us, Love and Kindness to all, Laurie McSpadden

Laurie - November 14, 2021 at 11:30 AM

MW

“ Sending love and condolences to all the Ramseys in memory of Pat. Posts from my brothers’ Billy and Robert document how close she was to the Warlick family and how much we valued her friendship with our Mom, Laretta, sharing holidays especially. Because the Ramseys celebrated Christmas in the morning, she often joined us for an afternoon meal or glass of Riesling. Pat, Mom and Alice Wutchel once visited me in Denver soon after I bought my home there, and Pat stayed with me, as Mom was allergic to cats so she and Alice shared a motel room. We had a great sleepover and then picked green beans in my garden before driving down to Santa Fe, one of many travel adventures she shared with my Mom. I also have one of her watercolor paintings, a portrait of my cat, Meme, who lived to be 18. She was a devoted animal lover, volunteering her time at the WNC nature center, and always asking about my animals. Mollie and I visited her last April when Covid restrictions eased, spending a couple of hours in the B-H garden. She seemed in great spirits, full of life and expectations for the future. I will remember her always, especially when I make her delicious chicken pot pie recipe or see an illustration of a rabbit, one of her favorite animals. M.E. Warlick

M.E. Warlick - November 14, 2021 at 10:03 AM

BW

“ Condolences to all of Pat's family and many friends and close ones, at this time of her passing on to a new adventure. She was a good friend to my Mother, Laretta Warlick, and they enjoyed travel together to many places around the world, sometime with the company of "Travels With Grace". I knew her husband Hiden Ramsey as he was a good friend in my Fathers circle of Ashevilles', "old guard" men of North Asheville and the Grove Park Kimberly Rd. crowd. The library at UNC-Asheville is named after either Hiden or his Dad, I do not know which it is. I had no idea of Pat's history as a BELL gal or her artwork ability, but I verified with her that I have 2 artworks she did for my Mom's birthday gifts, later in her art life, which my Mom gave to me. Pat said they were "slapdash" gifts for her, but I now know they are perhaps 2 of her last paintings, she ever did. One is of "Carolina Chickadees", a fitting moniker for Pat and her group of gal friends she kept!! I enjoyed her frequent visits to my Mom and word on where they went, which included the Arboretum Orchid Society exhibits, which Pat's son Graham, presided over one year or more years, than one. God will Bless her history and the love she passed around to us all, who knew her.

Billy Warlick - November 13, 2021 at 03:29 PM

DG

“ I was raised and grew up next door to the Ramseys. I have very fond memories of Pat throughout that entire time. My memories of Pat always begin with her watercolors and whatever delicious baked cookies or cakes she would send home with me. Most recently I remember our time together when I was recovering from a surgery in 2015. During that time, Pat taught me the card game Spite and Malice while Sugar ran around under the table biting at my feet. I will always remember her sharp wit and dry sense of humor. Pat will remain forever a pleasant and loving part of how I remember Alclare drive.

Daniel N Gabai - November 12, 2021 at 08:55 PM

RW

“ We will always remember the gracious Miss Pat and her funny mountain humor ("West by god Virginia") and her presence at the many dinner parties, holiday get togethers and Christmas day visits with my mother over the decades. I still have her watercolor painting she did of my old english sheepdog "Turbo" in my den-very beautiful piece. Pat provided decades of endearing friendship with my mother and I'm sure they are back together on some beachfront porch at Pawleys Island! God bless and God rest her soul. The Warlick Family-Robert H. Warlick Landrum,SC.

Robert H. Warlick - November 12, 2021 at 11:19 AM