



Patricia Anne Cornelius

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PATRICIA ANNE CORNELIUS passed away peacefully on March 12, 2016. She was 91 yrs. old. She was born in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Joseph A. Milne and Florence Bowden. She had three siblings, Dorothy Irene, Robert Andrew & Joan Esther who pre-deceased her.

Her early life was spent in Detroit, where she married Harry Norman Gould and had two children, a daughter and a son. Prior to that marriage she had another son, whom she selflessly gave up for adoption so he could have a better life than she could have provided.

In 1957 Patricia, her husband Norm and two children, Diane and Norm, moved to Pompano Beach, Florida where they lived for many years.

She later married Joseph "Ed" Cornelius and they lived in New Orleans, LA and Houston, TX. Ed died in 1981. Having no other family in Houston, Pat moved to San Diego, California to be near her son & daughter.

Pat loved to read. You would never see her without a book nearby. She had a great love of Egyptian history, crossword puzzles and all kinds of animals and she loved chili cooked by her son, Norm. She was a quiet and stoic woman who kept to herself. She also had a strong Christian faith and enjoyed reading her Bible, as well as trying to do the best she could to live it. She was a loving woman who would always do her best to help others at her own sacrifice.

A wonderful moment in her life was when she was reunited with her adopted son. They had 9 ½ years of memories they built together. He is a treasured older brother to her other two children.

Patricia is survived by her oldest son, John Zimmerman & his wife Judy of AZ, her daughter Diane Gould Hall & her husband, Ron of Ramona, CA., her youngest son, Norm Gould & his wife Melinda of Poway, CA., 7 grandchildren and 12 great



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grandchildren.

Interment at Evergreen Memorial Park, Wharton, TX



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DH

Diane Hall posted:

Thank you my sweet niece. Love you much ♥

March 18 at 5:43 AM

DH

Diane Hall posted:

Mom's three children finally united. John, Diane & Norm. This was in Sep 2006 when we first met our older brother, John.

March 17 at 2:23 AM

DH

Diane Hall posted:

My dearest brother, John, And all of our lives are so much richer for that experience. Mom knew her baby boy was alright. She got to have a wonderful relationship with you for the past 9 1/2 yrs. I have a big brother to annoy the heck out of, and enjoy. And, my younger brother finally has that brother he always wanted. We are truly blessed. Love always, Sis

March 16 at 11:25 AM

DW

Dawn Corbett Wegehaupt posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne Cornelius

March 16 at 7:54 AM



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John Zimmerman posted:

Among many fond memories of my mother one stands out. At the age of 63 I had been searching for my mother for over 50 years. I had sent an e-mail to the person who posted information about my birth and that person called me on a Tuesday evening in 2006. Her name was Diane, and after we had spoken for a few minutes Diane said, "John, I'm your sister." I literally could not speak for a few moments, as I had no idea that I had a sister. Diane told me that she lived outside San Diego (I was in Arizona), that I had a brother, Norm, and that "our mother" was alive and that she would visit her on Thursday and break the news to her that we had made contact. Now I couldn't speak and I couldn't see through my tears. On Thursday evening Diane called me from our mother's apartment and put her on the phone. My first question was "May I call you, "Mom?" Mom's response was, "Of course." My heart melted. We spoke for a while and then Diane came back on the phone and said, "John, Mom's crying." and in the background I heard my mother tearfully say, "My beautiful, beautiful baby boy is all right." Now my heart was in total meltdown, and I have treasured the memory of that first exchange ever since. – John Zimmerman

March 15 at 9:05 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Patricia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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