



Patricia (Mathewson) Spring

August 7, 1923 - January 13, 2024

Patricia "Pat" (Mathewson) Spring, 100, of Kensington, CT, widow of Frank F. Spring, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at her home surrounded by family. Born in Meriden, she was a former New Britain resident and lived in the Berlin-Kensington area since 1951. She was the daughter of Raymond E. and Winifred (Doherty) Mathewson. She was a graduate of New Britain High School and Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia (then a branch of the University of Virginia and now called The University of Mary Washington) where she received a Bachelor's Degree in English. She also received a Master's Degree in Education from Central Connecticut State University.

Pat was an English-Reading teacher in the New Britain School System for 35 years, retiring in 1999. Even after retirement she enjoyed encountering former students to learn about their lives and successes. In addition to her teaching she was active in the community: she was a member of the Berlin Board of Education (one year receiving the highest vote and being the only woman on the Board), the Junior League of New Britain, the Republican Town Committee, the Mr. and Mrs. Club of Berlin, and a former President of Taxpayers of Berlin.

Outgoing and adventurous in spirit, Pat had a great love for the outdoors, enjoying hiking, camping, sailing, and downhill skiing. She had a natural athleticism, being able to do a perfect jackknife dive off a diving board. Up into her late 80s, she could often be seen skiing solo in a coral ski suit at the local

ski area, Mt. Southington. She held membership in the Appalachian Mountain Club and the New Britain Ski Club, where she met "Fran," her husband of 50 years, and authored a ski column entitled "Scanning the Ski Slopes with Pat Spring" for the New Britain Herald for 19 years. Her natural gracious ability to engage others in conversation was the foundation of her informative and creative reporting style.

Surviving are a son, Peter Spring of Kensington; two daughters, Catherine "Kate" Spring of Manhattan, NY and Stonington, CT, and Polly Spring and her husband, Breck Perkins, of Stonington, CT; three grandchildren, Jack Perkins, Natalie Perkins, and Eleanor "Elli" Spring; a niece Eileen Fava and her husband, Michael McCarthy, and their children, Duncan and Paige, as well as several other nieces and nephews. Besides her parents and her husband, she was also predeceased by her sister, June Fava, and her brother-in-law, Richard E. Fava.

Funeral services are on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow in Maple Cemetery, Berlin. Calling hours are Thursday, January 18, 2024 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Carlson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Sons & Daughters of Hawley (to support the restoration of the town Meetinghouse) at P.O. Box 206, Hawley, MA 01339. Please share a memory or a note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Maple Cemetery

Worthington Ridge
Berlin, CT 06037

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was a student of Pats back at Chaimberlain School. She was an amazing teacher and person. She saw my ability in writing, and always encouraged me. My mom and I were following a hot air balloon, and it was near Pats house. She came out jumped in the car with us and followed the balloon, watched it land and helped pack it up. It was a great adventure!! You will be missed 🙏❤️

Christine Clarke - September 14, 2024 at 02:46 PM

LD

“ Pat was a lovely person who helped everyone freely. She had a big heart and was a talented, gifted person. She welcomed everyone. Her home was open to gatherings of friends and colleagues. I'll miss her.

Love,
Lorraine Torino Davis

Lorraine Torino Davis - January 19, 2024 at 10:46 AM


Patricia
Jas

“ Pat Spring had a boundless energy for adventures and a determined pursuit of knowledge. We were English teacher friends, and loved checking on the minutia of grammar rules and sharing of favorite poems we had memorized. "Woodsman, Spare That Tree" and "Sea Fever" were two of her favorites. I do not picture her resting in peace, but rather continuing to dance through whatever comes next, asking questions and challenging answers, discovering new topics to explore, and persisting in explaining her views. Rock on, Pat Spring...

Patricia Jas - January 18, 2024 at 01:46 PM

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“ I am sorry for your unrepairable loss.

Mrs. Spring was so beautiful and gentle and adorable and lovable and delicious and smart and incredibly witty and elegant , I can still hear her voice and see her face smiling at me. Some people just stay engraved in our memories because they are so important .

And you Kate , you are a very lucky daughter , so loving towards your mother , giving her your time and love so she is comfortable, I congratulate you for your unparalleled dedication. To be able to give and spend this precious time with mom is a privilege.

Mrs. Spring leaves us all the wonderful memories of love and gentleness.

Julitsa - January 18, 2024 at 12:13 PM

JA

“ Pat Mathewson Spring was and will continue to be a great inspiration. Glad to have known her through her Daughter Kate. She will always be unforgettable.

Joann Anagnost - January 17, 2024 at 12:21 PM

JA

“ Joann A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia (Mathewson) Spring.

Joann A. - January 17, 2024 at 12:09 PM

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“*Kate, Polly, Peter and family,
We were neighbors of Pat Spring and offer our heartfelt condolences. We are away at this point in time but are there in spirit. We walked by Pat's house often and always admired her country garden which reflected her love of flowers. Being able to continue to reside in her home was such a blessing - a tribute to her children.*

*Pat had an accomplished, meaningful life - 100 wonderful years.
Memory eternal.*

Mike and Diane Wowk

Diane Wowk - January 15, 2024 at 09:14 PM

SL

“*Pat was my dearest and best friend for over 30 years we met at Chamberlain School. We spent many Saturdays in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire. We used meet her daughter Kate in New York and visit terrific places in New York. We would go to see her grandchildren in Stonington. I never had so much fun with anybody like I did with Pat. I can't imagine my life without her in it. I'm definitely going to be a lost soul.*

Sandra Lapointe - January 15, 2024 at 02:16 PM

SV

Mrs. Spring was my second mom. She was "travel mom" for us kids. Whether it be Mohawk Trail, Thunder Mountain, Bear Mountain, Joes Pond, Mount Tom to ride the rides we all had fun and learned something. During our many trips to Hawley, politics was the topic with the adults in the car, as kids we didn't realize that we learned by "osmosis" when we traveled with her!

Thank you Mrs. Spring for all those memories you helped make for us. I am honored and grateful to have known you.

Scott Veley - January 16, 2024 at 09:06 AM