



Mrs. Patsy Hughes Nelson

January 17, 1931 - October 2, 2012

Patsy Hughes Nelson, 81, passed away October 2, 2012 in Houston, Texas. She was born on January 17, 1931 in Florence, South Carolina and brought her special blend of Southern hospitality, gracious spirit and good humor to every place she lived. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Richard Nelson of Katy, Texas; daughter Lisa Littlefield (Burt), son Steve (Mary Kay), both of Sugar Land, TX; grandchildren Ryan, Andrew, Haley, Samantha and Amelia; and brother, Ansel Hughes of Hartsville, SC.

Patsy graduated from Hartsville (SC) High School in 1948 and from Coker College in 1952 with a B.S. in Business Education. She began her post-education life in Charleston, S.C., where she worked as a clerk for the U.S. Army Engineers. It was there that she met Navy lieutenant Richard Nelson and was married on September 10, 1955 in Hartsville. Following two years in Austin, TX, "Pat and Dick" moved to Michigan where they would live for the next 35 years in the towns of Plymouth, Rogers City and Grand Blanc. After raising her children into the teen years, Pat returned to the workforce, working as an administrative assistant for the Plymouth and Grand Blanc school districts for 20 years.

Retirement brought an opportunity to return to the south and a very pleasant and active 18 years in Hilton Head Island, SC. Pat was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hilton Head where she cheerfully volunteered for many years at the Bargain Box, raising funds to help support the church's day care center. She was also an enthusiastic tennis player, vigorous bicyclist

and highly regarded southern cook.

In 2011, she and her husband moved to Katy, TX to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Throughout all these homes, towns, jobs and relocations, Patsy developed and maintained deep ties with a wide group of friends, co-workers and, especially, family members. All loved being with her, were touched by her, and will miss her very much.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 6 at 11 a.m. at the Solana Retirement Center in Katy, TX. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Houston Hospice, 1905 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030-4123

Tribute Wall

LL

“ *Lisa Nelson Littlefield lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patsy Hughes Nelson*



Lisa Nelson Littlefield - October 05, 2012 at 11:13 AM

SN

“ *Steve Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patsy Hughes Nelson*



Steve Nelson - October 04, 2012 at 09:59 PM

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“ *Steve Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patsy Hughes Nelson*



Steve Nelson - October 04, 2012 at 09:59 PM

JB

“ *I am sending sincere condolences to Ansel and his family. You have a lot of fond memories of Patsy. May you find comfort in sharing those memories. Jimmy Ballard*

James E. Ballard - October 04, 2012 at 08:13 PM

BW

“ *Bess Moore Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patsy Hughes Nelson*



Bess Moore Watkins - October 04, 2012 at 03:30 PM

BW

Sorry for your loss.

Bess Moore Watkins - October 04, 2012 at 03:32 PM

FC

“ *Fran Moore Cauthen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patsy Hughes Nelson*



Fran Moore Cauthen - October 04, 2012 at 03:14 PM

FC

My deepest sympathy to Ansel and all of Patsy's family.

Fran Moore Cauthen - October 04, 2012 at 03:24 PM

SF

“ *Ansel,
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Sharon Dority Floyd*

Sharon D. Floyd - October 04, 2012 at 11:35 AM

RM

“ Ansel, Just want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Sincerely, Rachel (Adams)

Rachel A. Medlin - October 04, 2012 at 05:19 AM

RS

“ Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patsy Hughes Nelson



Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer - October 03, 2012 at 10:35 PM

RS

My deepest sympathy to Patsy's family...

Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer - October 03, 2012 at 10:35 PM

JG

“ Judy , Jimmy Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patsy Hughes Nelson



judy , jimmy gainey - October 03, 2012 at 05:06 PM

NW

Ansel,
We are thinking about you at this sad time and send our love to you,
Carl, and Patrick.
Nancy and Budgy Wilhelm

Nancy Wilhelm - October 05, 2012 at 12:36 PM