



Patricia S. Crotwell

September 14, 1944 - July 6, 2020

Colonel (USAR, Ret.) Patricia S. Crotwell, 75

Atlanta, GA - Patricia Ann Smith Crotwell of Sioux Falls, SD passed away on July 6th, 2020 at the age of 75 after a cancer diagnosis. She spent the final days of her life with family at her side and in contact with well-wishers around the country. While her family and friends mourn the loss of an amazing woman, we take solace in knowing that her passing was peaceful and painless. Patricia was preceded in death by her beloved spouse Richard Glover Crotwell, parents Brig. Gen. Henry Albert Jr. (Ret.) and Patricia Nelson Smith of Onida, SD, and her sister Pamela Smith of San Jose, CA.

Patricia was born in Pierre, SD in 1944. After graduating from the nursing program at Methodist Hospital School of Nursing (Sioux City, IA) in 1965, she joined the US Army as a 1st Lt. She met and fell in love with Lt. Richard Crotwell while stationed in Munich, Germany. The two were married in October 1967 in Munich, and had their first child, Patricia Lynn ("Tricia"), more than a year later. After their honorable discharges from the military, Patricia Ann and Richard moved to Rapid City, SD, where they welcomed their son, Lars Peter, into the world. Patricia went on to earn the rank of Colonel in the US Army Reserves in Texas, after obtaining her Master of Science, Maternal Infant Nursing, from the University of Alabama in Birmingham, and later her Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Certificate from Emory University, Atlanta, GA.

Patricia is survived by her brother Henry Smith III of Tustin, CA, her sister Penelope Smith of Onida, SD, her daughter Patricia Crotwell Leiferman and husband Ron of Atlanta, GA, her son Lars Peter Crotwell and wife Amanda of Tulsa, OK, her grandchildren Katie Crotwell and Andrew Crotwell of Tulsa, OK, in addition to numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

As a longtime educator of nursing students at Lone Star (formerly North Harris) College in Houston, Texas, Patricia impacted the lives of hundreds of students and, through them, thousands of patients. Patricia and Richard enjoyed travelling and spending time with family and friends near and far.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family will plan for a memorial service at a time and place in the future when conditions make travel safer for family, friends, and loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, Patricia may be honored with memorials sent to support the Nursing Program at Lone Star College, Houston, Texas, to The Banquet or Feeding South Dakota in Sioux Falls, or to the Sully County Library in Onida, SD for science or children's books.

Photo Credit: Walter Portz, Sioux falls, SD

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 2246 Wisteria Drive, Snellville, GA 30078, 770-979-5010. Please leave online condolences at <<http://www.stewartfh.com>>.

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia S. Crotwell*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Par's last visit to Texas*



Peggy Aalund RN - July 09, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the family. She was "different". She wore bright colored clothes and brighter colored socks. She had a nasty bark, but as they say, her " bark was worse than her bite". Her students learned so much from her. I was privileged to have had the chance to know her and work with her.*



Linda Genco - July 09, 2020 at 12:11 PM

JK

“ will always remember the day I was being interviewed for a position at NHMCCD. I was feeling a little uneasy about an integrated program and asked about how much we had to know about disciplines in which we were unfamiliar. The director at the time informed me that all instructors were expected to take the students to all areas of the hospital. Pat then popped up and said that all the instructors always felt free to call another instructor for advise anytime they found themselves in an unfamiliar position. She told me that she had made many a call even in the middle of a shift. She certainly became my go-to person for pediatrics, and she always came through for me.

Judith A King - July 08, 2020 at 09:11 PM

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“ We arrived at the college together and retired almost together, after 33 very meaningful and eventful years. Will miss Pat. ckp

Cynthia Peterson - July 08, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ The last time Pat was in Houston



Peggy Aalund RN - July 08, 2020 at 07:17 PM



“ I started teaching at North Harris College in 1985, after only having worked in pediatrics and OB. I was in a masters program at UT that allowed us to specialize in our second year, so I never got much med/surg or critical care. I only felt comfortable teaching at the lower levels because of that. Pat convinced me I could join the upper level if I would teach the OB units. I sat in every lecture by Pat and Cindy and learned my med/surg and critical care from them! They even mentored me in the hospital so I could get comfortable, and I eventually taught every course in the program. I later became the program director and Pat would come storming in my office with a problem, and she would slowly calm down and share what she came for. She was so passionate about students, although she held the bar very high! She would work with them over and over until they reached her expectations. Because of Pat, students that she touched became excellent nurses. I loved Pat and was always excited to see her when she came into town. Love and prayers to her family, I am sure it is a big loss. Praying that all your special memories of her will keep you going in this difficult time. Love to you, Tricia and Lars and your children.
Peggy Aalund

Peggy Aalund RN - July 08, 2020 at 02:52 PM



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Peggy Aalund RN - July 08, 2020 at 02:45 PM



Pat is in the center of the back row

Peggy Aalund RN - July 08, 2020 at 07:18 PM

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Peggy Aalund - July 08, 2020 at 02:44 PM

CP

Wow! so long ago! front row, left-to-right: Carol Singer-director, Julie Mathena, Pat Timpanaro, who?, Marianne Malague. Middle row left-to-right: Faye McClay, Judy Fuhrmann, Cindy Peterson, Pam Mason, last 2=who?. Top row, left-to-right: Judy Walker, Nockie Zizelmann, Pat Crotwell, who?, and Peggy Aalund. (somebody feel free to fill the "who's.")

Cynthia Peterson - July 08, 2020 at 07:33 PM

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“ Pat was a smart, funny articulate woman...a nurse midwife and nursing professor. She loved her family and the hundreds of students she taught over the years. We will all miss her. She was a “South Dakota original.” Rest In peace my friend! ❤️

Gene Hoyme - July 08, 2020 at 01:43 PM

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“ I am so sad for Pat and the family. Still in disbelief that Pat was so sick (so young in my mind) and her life cut tragically short. Having worked with her in nursing education at Lone Star College for many years, I will always remember that not a day would go by that she was not fully engaged with her life work. She was passionate about her students and always responsible and purposeful with her actions. She was the epitome of dedication. We have lost a true friend and a "Florence Nightingale" to the world!

Rita D Cinquemani - July 08, 2020 at 12:07 AM