



# **Mrs. Patricia M. Stratton**

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**P**atricia “Pat” M. Stratton, age 90, passed away in Muskegon on April 29, 2015, shortly after suffering a stroke. Pat was born on August 30, 1924, to John and Mary (Altheide) Haller in Saginaw, MI. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Michigan in 1946, and a Master of Library Science from the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh in 1947. She started as a library page when she was 16 years old, and spent nine years as a children’s librarian in the Detroit Public Library System. In 1955, she married Dr. Donald P. Stratton, and they were married for 57 years, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Mackinac Island with 18 family members. Pat and Don moved to Muskegon in 1965, and remained there together until Don’s death in 2012.

A natural conversationalist, Pat was a member of Hackley Circle in Muskegon for more than 30 years. She enjoyed gardening, crafts, crocheting, creating photo albums, baking Christmas cookies, hosting family get-togethers, and frequenting the Whippi Dip and the Bookmobile. An avid reader with a particular interest in biographies and the British Royal Family, she and Don visited England five times. Their extensive travels also included tours throughout the United States, Russia, Scandinavia and Western Europe. She collected friends everywhere she went and was a best friend to many.

Pat is survived by three children and 10 grandchildren: Kathleen Stratton and Robert Cebelak (John, Mark, Kate, Claire) of Holland, MI, Karen Stratton and Roger Golliver (Benjamin and Emily, Daniel and Sarah, Aaron) of Beaverton, OR, and Robert and Mary Stratton (Elizabeth, Patrick, Will) of Crown Point, IN. In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place and no public services will be held. Contributions in her honor may be made to the Norton Shores Public Library (705 Seminole Rd, Norton Shores, MI 49441) or your local library.



## Tribute Wall

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SD

**Susan Danley** posted:

Dear Kathy, Karen, Bob, and Families, We received your letter and Pat's Obituary yesterday. We were sorry to read of your loss! Pat was such a dear lady and will be sorely missed by many. I remember visiting your family in MI and will always remember how fond my parents, Vera and Karl Haller, were of both Pat and Joyce! I personally looked so forward to her annual Christmas letters, as well as all of yours, but hers was always so perfectly wonderful, hand-written and newsy! I believe she is the last of her generation of the Haller family and we surely considered her a gem! We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers! Love,, Bob and Sue Danley and Family

May 30 at 1:05 PM

JF

**Jane O'farrell** posted:

Dear Stratton Family We were so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Her letters at Christmas time were always a welcome update on the family. We know that the many wonderful memories she leaves behind will be a comfort to you all. We pray that God will keep your family in His love and care. Tom and Jane O'Farrell

May 30 at 11:21 AM

LC

**Loris Caplan** posted:

Dear Karen, Kathy, and Bob, Your mother was my longest friend (since summer of 1949) when we were both single. I met Pat at the Parkman Branch Library when we both worked in the Children's Department. We both met our husbands through a Methodist Church group. Your mom introduced me to Gladys Hunter and I introduced her to Marilyn Amann. The four of us, along with our husbands, got together frequently over many, many years. Early this year when I talked to your mom, she told me all about how much she enjoyed working at the library and how much she enjoyed encouraging children to read. She seemed so happy reminiscing about it. I last talked with her in early April and I just really can't believe that she is gone. She was very dedicated in everything she did. She always made an effort to keep our friendship going, and she was an avid letter writer. She would write about baking cookies at Christmas with her grandchildren and how meaningful that was to her. She was very proud of her children and grandchildren. I know she appreciated all of the help and support Kathy provided weekly. It made a huge difference to your mom. I will miss her greatly. Loris Caplan Redington Shores, Florida

May 12 at 3:04 PM



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**David Cafmeyer** posted:

Dear Karen, So sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a very gracious lady Her spirit will live on. David Cafmeyer.

May 1 at 6:02 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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