

OBITUARIES

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Patricia Petrella DeGrinney

Patricia Petrella DeGrinney, 67 PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. -- Patricia Petrella DeGrinney, 67, of Port Charlotte, Fla., died Jan. 1, 2009 at Maine Medical Center. She was born in Bayonne, N.J., on June 22, 1941 the daughter of Daniel and Frances Petrella. Patricia graduated from Bayonne High School in 1959. Following high school she graduated from Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y. In 1963 she attended one year of medical school at Seton Hall. On June 6, 1966 she married Dr. Joseph T. DeGrinney at the Assumption Parish in Bayonne, N.J. Patricia taught at St. Dominic Regional High School in Lewiston for eight years, and she also taught at Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro, Mass. She spent three years teaching at Bayonne High School and part of a year teaching at Cape Elizabeth. Patricia was a past president and a founding member of Maine Right to Life and was also a past president and founding member of Women Affirming Life. Patricia was a communicant of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church where she served as a Eucharistic minister and lector, and sang in the choir. She also was involved with the Friends of Pine Point and helped plan the annual 4th of July parade. Patricia is predeceased by both of her parents; and her brother Daniel Petrella. She is survived by her husband of Port Charlotte, Fla.; two sons, Joseph Timothy DeGrinney III and his wife Susie, and John Paul DeGrinney and his wife Gisele, and one daughter, Carolyn DeGrinney Mitchell and her husband Daniel, all of Scarborough; eight grandchildren, Joseph Timothy DeGrinney, IV, Nicholas Patrick DeGrinney, Robert Joseph Mitchell, Maureen Elizabeth DeGrinney, Meghan Eileen DeGrinney, George Daniel Mitchell, Grace Frances DeGrinney and Dominic Francis DeGrinney. Visiting hours will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 at the Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Home, 172 State Street, Portland. Prayers will be recited at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009 at the funeral home, followed by a 12:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 150 Black Point Road, Scarborough. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery, South Portland. Online condolences may be expressed at [<http://www.ctcrawford.com/>] <http://www.ctcrawford.com/> In lieu of flowers, donations in Patricia's name may be made to: The Maine Right to Life Committee P.O. Box 257 Auburn, ME 04212 or to St. Dominic Regional High School 121 Gracelawn Road Auburn, ME 04210 Patricia Petrella DeGrinney

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What an incredible blessing from God to have known Patricia DeGrinney! Patricia was a two edged sword – a smart tough general in the pro-life fight in Maine and at the same time a beautiful mother and wife who was a role model for many. Patricia was one of God's select few who mastered the balance of family life with her total commitment to the pro-life cause. She brought the tools from her teaching background and applied them relentlessly to teaching God's simple truth – the sacredness of each and every human life - and therefore the need to protect human life. We all feel a profound loss but we all know that Patricia's legacy of love of God, her family and love of life is a treasure that we will never lose.

Christopher and Martha Coughlan (Randolph, ME)

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Patricia was a wonderful person and a good friend. We met in Florida, and I became friends with the family. When I visited Maine, she opened her home to me and showed me the sights of her beautiful state. Her faith was strong and her wisdom was keen. She will be missed by many.

Bill & Mary Mullineaux (Indianapolis, IN)

January 4, 2009

I knew Mrs. DeGrinney from growing up in Jay, Maine. My dad, Dr. HW Eastman was partners with Joe DeGrinney for years. I have many fond memories spending hot summer days in their pool and eating her great Italian cooking. Her children, Tim, John Paul, and my dear childhood friend, Carolyn are in my thoughts and prayers. Gayle Eastman-Crowley

Gayle Crowley (Bristol, CT)

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OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU JOE, TIM, SUSIE, J.T., NICK, DOMINIC, CAROLYN, DAN, BOBBY, GEORGE, JOHN, GIGI, MAUREEN, MEGAN AND GRACE, PATRICIA WAS A DEAR FRIEND. SHE GAVE SO GENEROUSLY OF HER TIME, ENERGY AND SPIRIT TO HELP US ALL.

WE WISH WE COULD BE WITH YOU TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE.

MIKE AND ELEANOR CRONIN (PORT CHARLOTTE, FL)

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We first met Patricia when she and Joe, my college classmate, were in Burlington, VT considering a medical residency program. Over the years, we stayed in touch, visiting them in Livermore Falls where Joe was a "country doctor" for many years and later in Scarborough. When Patricia taught at St. Dominic's High School, my alma mater, she befriended my sister Pauline and her family and worked tirelessly for the school. Patricia was compassionate, totally devoted to her family, and passionate about her beliefs. She was a strong, good woman who will be missed. God bless her!

Richard & Joan Michaud (Salida, CO)

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