



## Patricia B. Ivey

March 24, 1943 - March 6, 2020

Patricia B. Ivey, Tinton Falls, NJ, passed away peacefully at home, on Friday, March 6, 2020. She was born in Washington D.C. on March 24, 1943 to the late Fitzhugh and Lucile Bussinger. She was 76 years old. Pat lived in Birmingham, AL, and attended the University of Alabama. She married and moved to NJ, living in Bay Head and Little Silver before moving to Tinton Falls, where she lived for the past 36 years. Pat devoted over 30 years working for the US Army at Ft. Monmouth in various departments.

She retired in 2011 to spend more time with her husband, Lee, a US Army veteran of three wars who later worked as an Army civilian employee. They enjoyed traveling together, with family, and close friends. One of her favorite destinations was the Caribbean island of St. Maarten, N.A., a home away from home.

Patty's smile was warm, caring, and fun. She was a loving, giving, beautiful soul with a great gift for making others feel special. A devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, and friend, she was always there for others.

Perhaps her proudest role was that of "Nana." One of her greatest joys was spending time with her four grandchildren. When they were younger, she loved to babysit, and as they grew, she enjoyed attending their school activities, performances, and sporting events. She was very proud of each of them and their accomplishments, and they could always count on her love and support.

In her free time, she enjoyed shopping, garage sales and antiquing, seeing Broadway plays, listening to music, traveling, meals with friends, but mostly spending time with her family. Whether it was a delicious home cooked meal, a simple barbeque on the deck or dining out at one of her favorite restaurants, she was just happy being together. She made holidays extra special and always went above and beyond, putting so much effort into the planning, and so much thoughtfulness into her gifts. She had the most generous heart. Her unconditional love, sacrifice, dedication, and generosity will never be forgotten. Patty will be dearly missed.

Pat was predeceased by her loving husband, Lee G. Ivey, in 2016. She is survived by her two daughters and their families. Laura Lyon Tobin (Brendan) and Sara Lyon O'Gureck (Robert); and her grandchildren, Alexander and Meghan Tobin, and Jackson and Anna O'Gureck. Patricia also leaves behind many close friends whom she loved dearly.

Burial will be done privately at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery in Wrightstown, NJ. Per her wishes, her life will be celebrated at a private gathering. In her spirit of giving, please consider a donation to your favorite charity in her memory.

For online condolences, please visit Pat's memorial page at [www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com](http://www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery

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## **BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery**

350 Provinceline Road

Wrightstown, NJ,

# Comments

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“ I’ll miss Pat at our lunches with Denise Pat and I along with our trips we made for work. Pat was PI to me and I was JP to her. Before that she was Veranda Barcart and I was Jose Quervo. We laughed a lot. One night her office phone rang and she picked it up and said “JP, your daughter is having a baby at the hospital” I had a dazed look on my face and Denise, Arch and pat yelled go Joe to the hospital, I said it’s not 5PM yet. They all said it’s ok just go. That’s the way I found out I was a grandfather, with Pat, Denise and Arch. What a good co worker and friend, I’ll miss her and our lunches we had after retirement. Miss you PI. JP

Joseph Pariso - March 19, 2020 at 05:52 PM

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“ She always had a kind word for me and greeted me with a big smile. Her daughters are a reflection of her and continue to greet people with a kind word and a gentle smile. She will be missed.

Richard Tobin - March 18, 2020 at 09:55 PM

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“ It was early morning in the winter of 2000 and I was sitting at my desk in the Inspector General Office at Fort Monmouth. I heard Pat walking up the hallway. I was reading something as I heard her ask, “Miss Dunn, do you think I have static cling?” I looked up and she was standing there with her knee-highs on and her pant legs both raised up to just below her knees! What a way to start my day! All I could muster between giggles was, “I love you, Mrs. Ivey!!”  
[My dear, sweet Tillie. Thank you for 22 years of friendship, love, music and laughter. I will hold you in my heart and treasure the memories...until we meet again. Love, Suz (aka Ethel).]



Suzanne Dunn - March 18, 2020 at 12:04 PM

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“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Patricia B. Ivey



**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - March 18, 2020 at 09:24 AM

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“ My dearest friend and confidant for 30 years, 20 at Fort Monmouth and then 10 years after she and then I retired. Enjoyed so many times with her and Lee just for dinners and New Years Eve. I remember all the wonderful plays and concerts we went to together. I will miss her more than I can say. She was like a sister to me. I am blessed to have known her Lee and her wonderful children, their spouses and grandchildren.

**Denise Madden** - March 17, 2020 at 06:31 PM

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**Denise Madden** - March 17, 2020 at 06:28 PM

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“ Patty and I share 40 years of the most wonderful memories. I was so fortunate to spend some time with her before her passing to share those memories with each other. We laughed and we cried but more importantly , we loved each other. I miss you every day and will hold on to all of our memories till we meet again. I promised you I would look after Laura and Sara and that is a promise.

**wendie patterson** - March 17, 2020 at 05:13 PM