



## Patricia B. Conklin

March 17, 1932 - September 11, 2022

Frankford - Patricia B. Conklin, age 90, peacefully passed away on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at the Homestead Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. Born in Elizabeth on March 17, 1932 to the late Joseph and Patricia (Carkhuff) Mikrut, Pat lived in several cities in New York and New Jersey. She was educated at Newark East Side High, Arts High and Newark Prep and graduated from Port Jervis High School. She took several courses in art and photography in Newark. Pat worked at Woolworth's, National Union Radar Tubes and Rubberset. She was a professional photographer for 50 years and was well known for her career at as a staff photojournalist. She began her career with the Sussex Independent newspaper and then her employment at the New Jersey Herald and as a freelancer for the Star Ledger and The New York Times. Her career began in the 1960's when she served as the official photographer for the Pony Trotters Ring in Hamburg. After that, she started to cover events at Space Farms, Wild West City, Sussex County Fair, Waterloo Village, and the Playboy bunnies. Being one of the first female photographers in the Sussex County area, Pat made her mark on the community in which she lived. She enjoyed photographing people at various events that included; sporting events, weddings, air shows and class reunions. Pat is survived by her two daughters, Denise C. Keeler of Branchville and Patricia "Cathy" LiTrenta of Hopatcong; her three grandchildren, Thomas, Joseph and Catie; and her three great grandchildren, Marvin, Tilly and Ellie Bee. Due to her love of animals; especially cats; please consider a memorial contribution in Patricia

Conklin's memory to the Father John's Animal Shelter in lieu of flowers.

Private cremation and inurnment was held at the convenience of the family.

Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private Cremation Services**

# Tribute Wall

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“ *What memory would I start with? When son David was the featured New Year's baby in the NJH? David was born in 1979, but I think Grandma Camille Lawlor conned Pat into considering him for the 1980 issue.*

*How about that car of Pat's? She kept that humming and showed up countless places to do her wonderful work.*

*Thank you , Pat Conklin, and thanks and peace to her family for sharing this hardworking woman with us who remember the NJH "when".*

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**Gael M Lawlor** - October 06, 2022 at 02:23 PM

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“ *My earliest memories at the Sussex county farm & horse show is of Pat taking photos... My baby brother eating at the Chicken bbq, my siblings & I showing our 4-H animals. RIP Pat, thank you for all the great memories you caught in film.*

*Condolences to family & fiends... Patti Ricker*

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**Patricia A Ricker** - October 05, 2022 at 03:17 PM

JS

“ I first met Pat when I moved next door to her in Sussex. We remained friends for 47 years. Pat took many photos of my children growing up, she taught me about developing film. I was privileged to go to many sporting events and Waterloo village with her and of course the fair. Together we went on many cat rescues we shared our love of animals. Even after her time at the Homestead I was able to take her to the fair via wheelchair so she could pass out photographs to as many people she could locate. I will truly miss Pat, I have many memories which I will always treasure. Love you Pat!

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**Judith steffener** - September 25, 2022 at 09:00 AM

GV

“ I'm saddened to learn to Pat's passing. I have thought of Pat many times over the years and my times growing up in Sussex. I always remember Pat being at all the sporting events I participated in over the years in Sussex photographing the event. Pat was always so nice to me and I always made sure to say hello. You never know how someone is going to influence you... And although it might seem trivial to some... I'll never forget the feeling I got going to Pat's house during Halloween... And getting the full size candy bar, every year it made my Halloween! So much so, as an adult... I wanted to pass on that same Joy and for years I have handed out the same full-size Milky Way and or Snickers! Thanks for the memories Pat... Rest in peace.  
George VanderMeulen

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**George VanderMeulen** - September 23, 2022 at 04:55 AM

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*I'm lucky to have someone like Pat to share her skills of photography and her skills of coming to her community to share her gift with to share memories and befriend us with her going out of her way to share and smile, my mom made friends with her and her welcomed hello to all, in Newton she was always there to share many photos, silly ones sometimes and memorable ones as well. She knew the gift of share, met her maybe 12 times, shared a coke at Dominick's in town, a chance meeting,, showed me picks of some of our competitors as well, just fun, thank god for her and her kindness to my mom. She did for many players her kind hand off ❤️⭐*

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**Edgar Schade** - September 23, 2022 at 07:51 AM