



Patricia A. Eldred

April 24, 1942 - October 14, 2025

SUSSEX - It is with heavy hearts that the family of Patricia "Pat" Ann Eldred announces her passing on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. She was born in Newton on April 24, 1942 to the late Harry and Helen (Decker) DeMott. She was 83 years old.

Patricia was proud to have been brought up at Ideal Farms, helping her father milk the cows. She attended Newton High School and graduated in 1960. Pat was previously a Cub Scout leader and a member of the Sussex United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School. A stay-at-home mother until her youngest graduated from high school, she then worked for several years at Ames Rubber and later True Value.

Despite her small stature, Pat had a big personality. She ran her home with both ferocity and love, raising three generations: her children, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren. She was notorious for her baking and passed those skills on to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many memories were made in her kitchen in addition to her famous apple and lemon meringue pies and buckeyes. Her specialties were fervently requested at every family gathering and holiday. She also passed on her knowledge of sewing and a part of her will live on in every stitch her family makes from now on.

Her legacy will live on in the hands of those she taught, the traditions she started, and the love she gave so freely to her children and grandchildren.

Patricia is survived by her significant other, Harry McDole of Sussex; her former husband and best friend Lou Eldred of Matamoras, Pennsylvania; her brother, Harry DeMott and his wife Eva of Hamburg; her daughter, Tammy Zajac and her husband Les of Matamoras, Pennsylvania; her son, Edward Eldred and his wife Nancy of Harvey's Lake, Pennsylvania; her grandchildren, Jennifer, Jessica, Erika, Veronica, Adam, Nichole, Aaron, and Danielle; and her six great-grandchildren, Samantha, Joseph, Madilyn, Victoria, Tristian, and Coleton; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother, Alvah DeMott, and her sister, Dorothy Finigan, whom promised to accompany her through the gates of Heaven.

Graveside funeral services will be held on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 11 a.m. at the Clove Cemetery on Rt. 23 in Wantage.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Clove Cemetery

Route 23
Sussex, NJ 07461

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Route 23
Sussex, NJ 07461

Tribute Wall

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“ You will truly be missed! I greatly enjoyed our time working together at True Value!

Cory Coulson - October 21, 2025 at 03:00 PM

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“ Condolences from my family to all of the family's touched by my Aunt Pat. I will always remember her smile and kindness. I only wish I had known her later in life as I only spend time with her as a child. She will be greatly missed by all. Love you Aunt Pat ❤️

Bill Decker - October 18, 2025 at 02:16 PM

ST

“ Aunt Pat Rest in Peace. Say hello to Mom and Uncle Alvah and my grandparents. I'm old enough to remember when you were in high school, and you first brought Uncle Lou around. To Tammy and Edward and family sending my deepest sympathy.

Stephen - October 18, 2025 at 12:53 PM

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“ When I was 5 my Aunt Pat married my Uncle Lou. I was so mad because he was taking her away. My Mom Dorothy Finigan said I sat outside and cried and didn't want to go in to the reception.

Elizabeth Coddling - October 18, 2025 at 10:24 AM

JC

“ *PATRICIA this candle has been lite for you from every one who loves you and you have touched and every time we see your candle lite we will know you are smiling for all of us. God bless you all. GOD AND HEAVEN GAINED A GREAT PERSON.*



Jean Crowell and Curtis Crowell - October 18, 2025 at 05:39 AM

JC

“ *REST IN PEACE PAT .GOD AND HEAVEN GAINED ANOTHER GREAT ANGEL. Harry and Patricia 's Family so sorry for the loss of your mother and significant other and grandmother and great grandmother who we will always love and miss her. Patricia you will be missed by all who knew and loved you and your sister Dot will meet you at HEAVEN 's Gates. PEACE BE WITH YOU PATRICIA.*

Jean Crowell and Curtis Crowell - October 18, 2025 at 05:30 AM