

A Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Life of

PATRICIA SHARLAND

1st September 1931 - 11th May 2025



St. Marks Church, Highcliffe

Wednesday 4th June 2025

at 2.00pm

followed by St. Mark's Cemetery

Service conducted by The Revd Canon Helen Griffiss

The family would like to thank you for attending today and for the generous support and sympathy you have shown at this time.

You are warmly invited to join them for refreshments at :

“The Old Vicarage”

Lyndhurst Road, Hinton, Christchurch. BH23 7DR.

Go down Hinton Wood Avenue, go over the railway bridge,
take second road on left hand side before main road.



Mum, aged 21

Donations if desired in memory of Pat can be made payable to:

“British Heart Foundation Ltd”

Please post to Sue at 26, Glengarry Way, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 4EH

Moody's Funeral Directors,
405 Lymington Road, Highcliffe, Dorset BH23 5EN.
Tel : 01425 278383

Pat Sharland B. Ed(hons) 1931-2025

Born in Croydon, Pat was the youngest of four daughters of Ernest and Ethel Brooks. They enjoyed a comfortable family life until the war broke out in September 1939.

The experience of war was initially exciting for a child, in a letter her father recalls how a young Pat was busy collecting shrapnel.

It was in fact the war which indirectly first brought Pat, as a young child, to Dorset- which has also been her home for the last 46 years of her life.

Like many families who experienced the heavy bombings of 1940 Pats father moved the family to a friend's farm near Dorchester, from here the family moved to New Milton. Sadly, Pat lost her mother before the move. Her father did remarry but he passed away seven years later.

Pat gained a place, at what was then, Brockenhurst County High School in 1943. In the six years she was there she did well with her studies and sport; particularly liking tennis.

She then moved to London as a young woman and attended Whitelands Teacher Training College in Putney, where she got an Honorary Degree. This led to a teaching position in Sidcup, Kent.

In 1954 she met Harry, the love of her life, at the tennis club in Sidcup, where he was secretary. They married in 1956 and lived in Caterham, Surrey; where Sue was born in 1959 followed by Graham two years later.

Harry was employed by Nat West Bank, and the family moved house a lot with his regular promotions, always staying in the South East. He finally became manager of the main Reading branch, and Pat returned to teaching on a part time basis.

Life involved family holidays in Devon, Pembrokeshire and later abroad on annual trips with the family caravan. They also went sailing in Christchurch which re-established the connection to Dorset and where Pat and Harry settled on Harry's retirement in 1979.

Sue remained in the area, qualifying as a chartered accountant and Graham a chartered engineer who lived closer to London.

Many people will remember Pat as someone who worked hard to help her favourite charities to raise money. This included the Mudeford RNLI, The Children's Society and Christian Aid. Pat was also a longterm member of the Mothers Union and treasurer for seven years. As well as her beloved tennis, Pat was a keen gardener, theatre goer and loved sewing, knitting, and of course chatting with her many friends.

Pat and Harry always had a shared love of travel. This took them literally to all corners of the globe, including Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Hong Kong, Singapore, Canada and the US, as well as many trips to Europe.

In 2010 Harry's physical abilities deteriorated and Pat became a dedicated carer as well as wife. Sadly, Harry died in 2013, by which time Sue's husband had also passed away.

Pat and Sue were able to enjoy travelling together, in particular a trip to Russia, where Pat had always wanted to visit. The holidays continued with the last "abroad" trip to Prague in 2019. After that holidays were UK based, the last being a short trip to Wales in 2024.

In latter years, enjoyable Christmases were spent every year with Pat and Sue joining Graham and I and her two grandsons, Joshua and William, at our home in Devon.

I think everyone who knew Pat in her later years was deeply impressed by how active, independent and engaged she was. Pat became unwell in February 2025; from which she sadly never recovered. She will always be remembered for her kindness, many interests, many friends and, of course, as a loving wife, mother and grandmother.