



Patricia Ann McGehee

December 5, 1932 - March 8, 2021

Patricia Ann McGehee, 88, died March 8, 2021 in Sarasota, Florida after a brief illness. She had relocated to a retirement community from Tampa in November of 2019.

Pat was born December 5th, 1932 in Kansas City, KS as the youngest of three children of J. L. "Lewis" and Bessie Bass.

She and her late husband, W. R. "Dick" McGehee were students at Kansas City University in 1951, married after a two month courtship and were together for almost 60 years. They operated Associated Theatrical Contractors, a stage supply company. She created many costumes for productions of Kansas City Lyric Opera starting in their first years and was an active contributor to the National Costumers Association. Upon retirement, Pat and Dick traded their house for a 36 foot ketch, the "Matang" and lived aboard, visiting Mexico and Central America, eventually settling in Portobelo, Panama. Writing and playing the piano were passions that continued throughout her life. She authored two books and numerous shorter works. Portobelo Chronicles is a narrative of the Spanish period in Panama, pirate culture and conquest. Grains of Salt is a personal memoir of cruising and working as a contributing writer-interviewer with several yachting magazines. Pat received awards from the Florida Writers Association and gave time generously to that organization by leading writers' groups and giving editorial advice to other writers. Pat was a truly beautiful person and will be missed by her sons, Ian and Jim, their partners Dawn and Karoline, granddaughters Katy and Julia, friends, former neighbors

and numerous dogs. The family asks only that you keep us in your hearts,
take care of one another and donate to the charity of your choice

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