



Mrs. Patricia Ann (Foy) Cross of Barrington

August 2, 1951 - May 2, 2025

Patricia Ann Cross (née Foy), 73, of Barrington, Illinois, passed away on May 2, 2025, with her husband, Jeffery, by her side.

Patti was born in Chicago on August 2, 1951, the daughter of George and June Condon Foy. She graduated from the College of William & Mary in 1973 and received her juris doctor from Syracuse University in 1976. Patti and Jeffery were married on February 2, 1974; they recently celebrated their 51st anniversary. She and Jeffery raised their four children in Barrington. Patti loved her children fiercely and adored her 7 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, and survived by her husband, Jeffery; sons, Bryan (Samantha) of New Canaan, CT; William (Julia) of Arvada, CO; daughters, Molly (James Haunty) of Hinsdale, IL; and Anne Strachan (Henry Moll) of Philadelphia, PA; her brothers Laurence (Mary) Foy; Bryan (Colleen) Foy; David Jamison Foy; and sister Donna Foy (Haris Blackwood). Also surviving Patti are her grandchildren who lovingly referred to her as "Mama Patti": Jack, Ainslie June, Lucie June, Theodore William, Jake, Adele Ann, and Joslyn Ann.

After graduating from law school, Patti began her career at a large Chicago law firm then known as Lord, Bissell & Brook, practicing air and railroad crash defense work. Before moving to Barrington, Patti and Jeff lived in Evanston, where Patti oversaw the construction of their first home. Patti and Jeff later moved to Barrington to live closer to her parents, moving just one house away.

When their third child was born, Patti stepped back from practicing law full-time to devote her energies to raising her children, caring for her parents, and becoming active in her community. She volunteered for local charities, including Barrington Youth Services, organizing its fundraiser for several years. Warm and outgoing, Patti made a friend wherever she went, quick to smile and lend a hand. After their children went off to college, Patti went back to practicing law. For the last ten years of her career, she was the Assistant Corporation Counsel for the Village of Hoffman Estates.

Patti loved vacationing every spring with her family on Captiva Island, Florida and every summer in Glen Arbor, Michigan.

Visitation will be at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Ave, Barrington, IL on Friday, June 6 from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at St. Michael's on Saturday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers the Cross Family requests that memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association (<https://www.alz.org/>)

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos. For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences please click on the "Share A Memory" link above and you can leave a message. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o the Family; we will gladly forward it on to the family.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

Cemetery Details

The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.

2550 Hassell Road
(Northeast corner at Barrington Road)
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
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Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

St. Michael Episcopal Church in Barrington
647 Dundee Avenue
Barrington, IL 60010

Funeral Mass

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

“ When I think back on my childhood, nothing tops the years we lived at 455 Westwood Drive in "The D" -- ages 5 to 11 felt like something straight out of a Spielberg movie. The Cross family were clearly our co-stars... and Patti (forever "Mrs. Cross" to my 8-year-old brain) was Spielberg herself. Sorry Mom, but Patti brought the magic. You can be Rob Reiner.

Bryan and Will's basement was THE SPOT: part video arcade, part makeshift theme park, part secret lair for planning our next game of war or stupid pranks on Molly/Annie. Mrs. Cross was a constant nurturing presence just up the stairs whenever we needed sustenance or attention, an unbiased referee familiar with local laws - no doubt listening to every dumb thing we said, but letting us be kids. At the time, my smooth baby brain couldn't appreciate the countless tiny sacrifices she made to accommodate me, but now that it has grown into the big wrinkly brain of a new parent responsible for even just one tiny human, it can't believe how, in the midst of juggling four of them, she so graciously accepted me as a fifth.

However, it's moments of crisis that leave the most lasting impressions.

Let's set the mood: I'm walking home from school, maybe 7 years old, minding my own business, when a hornet (basically a mean bee on steroids that can sting you infinity times and not die) flew straight into my ear at top speed and got stuck. If you've ever heard a hornet before, just imagine one stuck inside your ear canal, righteously pissed off, claiming you didn't have the right of way, and stinging you every few seconds with random abandon.

That's the mood.

I clearly did not possess the wits or tools to handle this on my own - so I instantly start running and scream-crying over the sound of 600 lawn mowers to the Cross' house a few doors down. Thank god

Patti saw/heard me coming and swiftly dealt with the situation. Hot tip in case this ever happens to you: the secret is to use your Mom nails to rip off the back half of that thing, then you can fish the rest of it out with proper tools at your leisure.

I can't help but wonder: had Mrs. Cross not been there to MacGuyver that monstrosity out of my ear would the movie metaphor at the start of this tribute have been My Girl instead? Would I have gone through life hopelessly asymmetrical, the butt of bad Vincent Van Gogh jokes, never knowing the joys of sunglasses or AirPod noise cancellation? Thankfully, I'll never know.

So 'ears to you Patti! No.. that's weird.

THANK YOU Mrs. Cross!!! For all the kindness you showed me during our time as neighbors. For welcoming us as extended family and being a third parental role model to reinforce what success looks like. The positive impact you had on me and so many others lives on through the long tail of your good deeds, and I promise to pay it forward to the next generation, just as you did for us.

Chad Saunders - June 06, 2025 at 10:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Patricia Ann (Foy) Cross of Barrington.

June 06, 2025 at 07:59 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ann (Foy) Cross of Barrington.



June 06, 2025 at 07:59 AM



“ I loved having Patti as a neighbor and will deeply miss her now. My condolences to her lovely family and husband Jeff. A donation to Alzheimer's has been made in her honor. Tom

Tom - June 05, 2025 at 10:52 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Patricia Ann (Foy) Cross of Barrington.

June 04, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Patricia Ann (Foy) Cross of Barrington.

June 03, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ann (Foy) Cross of Barrington.*



June 03, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ann (Foy) Cross of Barrington.*



May 31, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ *I looked forward each week to greeting Jeffrey and Patti at the grocery store. What a wonderfully loving and lovely couple they made. My sincere condolences to Jeffrey & Family and may Patti rest eternally in Peace.*

Steve Ross

steve ross - May 12, 2025 at 06:05 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Patti's passing. I remember her from our days at Grove Avenue School. She was always willing to raiser her hand to help and cared deeply for her children. My deepest sympathy. - Penny Kazmier*

Penny Kazmier - May 09, 2025 at 07:18 AM