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July 11, 1939 - November 23, 2014

After a lengthy illness, God called his servant Pat home on November 23rd, 2014 after a brief stay at Hospice of Savannah. She is survived by her husband, Robert Lavon Nahikian; daughters, Lisa Nahikian Yackel (Scott Yackel) and Deb Nahikian; grandson, Kevin Yackel (Erin Yackel); Great grandson, Max Yackel; sisters by marriage, Marta Nahikian Hicks (Don), Marie Nahikian Seymour (Gene), Marcia Nahikian Nelms (Jerry), and Dottie Sue Nahikian Poulos (Bill), and numerous nieces & nephews.

She was born in Washington DC on July 11, 1939 to Lloyd & Edna Loveridge. She grew up in Asheville NC and became friends with Marta Nahikian when they worked at the Pack Memorial Library. It could be said that Pat's love of books eventually lead her to being introduced to the love of her life. She dated "Lavon" during High School and graduated from Lee H. Edwards Senior High School in 1957. After High School she attended Mars Hill College, graduating with an Associate of Arts in 1959.

Her education was interrupted when she married Robert "Lavon" Nahikian in March of 1959 (with Marta as their maid of honor) and promptly joined her husband in Spain where he was stationed with the USAF. It was there that her daughter, Lisa, was born in 1961.

Upon returning to the US, she attended Women's College-UNC-G and graduated with a degree in education in 1965. Soon after, the family moved to Florida where they resided until their move to Richmond Hill last year to be closer to their daughters and family. In 1967, Pat and Lavon had their second daughter, Deb. As a military wife, Pat certainly paid her dues as Deb was born two days after Lavon was shipped overseas for a one year tour.

She began her career as an Educator & Media Specialist in Palm Beach County and retired from Volusia County in 1997. As a lifelong learner, Pat went on to get her Master's Degree and was working on her doctorate when she received her call to the ministry and changed her vocational direction.

Patricia was a devout Christian her whole life. She was active in the church and served as a Stephen Minister until she was ordained as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church in 1996. Her initial assignment was to Grace Episcopal Church at Port Orange until moving to Melrose the following year. She served there at Trinity Episcopal Church for over 17 years.

Pat was active in choir, taught Sunday school, was a member of the Daughters of the King, and was very active in the Cursillo Community of Florida Dioceses of Central Florida and Florida. She served as a chaplain for Hospice Haven of Palatka, and was on the Board of Directors at Lake Area Ministries in Keystone Heights, FL.

In addition to her Christian service, Pat also had a love of reading, storytelling, and sharing her home. She was a member of the Professional Story Tellers Guild and delighted in bringing stories to life for children. This was especially true as she read to her grandson, Kevin, numerous nephews & nieces, and, in later years, her great grandson, Max.

Remembrances: In lieu of flowers, we ask any donations be made to the following organizations as they each were near and dear to her ministry.

- Haven Hospice of Palatka 6400 St. Johns Ave Palatka, FL 32177
- Lake Area Ministries 330 Palmetto Ave PO Box 1385 Keystone Heights, FL 32656
- Hospice of Savannah 1352 Eisenhower Drive Savannah, GA 31406

Services will be held Saturday, November 29, 2014 at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Richmond Hill at 2:00pm. A celebration of Pat's life will be immediately following at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Lisa Yackel. An interment of her ashes will be held at a later date at Trinity Episcopal Church in Melrose, FL.

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