

PATRICIA ANN (ENSIGN) DEBREE



Patricia 'Pat' Ann (Ensign) DeBree, 89 years old, of Milton, Vermont passed away on January 29, 2016 after a very brief illness. Born to William and Elizabeth Ensign, she grew up in Tarrytown, NY in the Sleepy Hollow area. She attended Marymount schools and college, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She married John H. DeBree and had three children, Bruce, Barbara, and John. They lived in Levittown, NY, Bethel, CT and later moved to Clinton, CT.

Her beloved husband, John, passed away in 1965. Pat went to work as a schoolteacher while going to school at night and raising her family. She earned her Master's degree from Southern Connecticut State College and taught in the Deep River and Essex school districts for many years.

Pat moved to Killingworth, CT and established Petersfield Kennels, where she raised her beloved Flat-Coated Retrievers. A well-known and respected breeder, many of her dogs became champions and several competed at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club. Petersfield puppies were shipped all over the United States and overseas. She was a founding member of the Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club, worked her entire life for the betterment of the breed and attended dog shows to the end.

In the last few years, Pat moved to Vermont. She is survived by her children Bruce W. DeBree of Essex Junction, VT; Barbara A. DeBree of Mexico City, Mexico; and John 'Jay' H. DeBree, of Travelers Rest, SC; two grandchildren, Peter DeBree of Tampa, FL and Bethany DeBree of Essex Junction, VT. She was predeceased by her brothers William Ensign, John 'Jack' Ensign, Robert Ensign and her sister Joan (Ensign) Bloom. She will be remembered and missed by her many nieces and nephews.

There will be a Memorial Service for her at Saint Mary's Church of the Visitation, 54 Grove Street, Clinton, CT on March 11, 2016 at noon, followed by interment at St. Mary's Cemetery in Clinton. Her family and friends wish to acknowledge the care and many kindnesses she received for the past seven years from her caregiver and friend, JoAn Duggan.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the NEFCRC – Trophy Fund **or** the Flat-Coated Retriever Foundation, c/o Sally Young, PO Box 626, Burlington, VT 05402-0626.

