



Patricia Jeanne Angell Leive

January 30, 1932 - August 1, 2024

Patricia Jeanne Angell Leive, 92, of Kansas City, MO, died on August 1, 2024. Funeral services will be at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, 415 West 13th Street, Kansas City, MO on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 10 A.M. Ashes will be interred in the Cathedral garden immediately following.

Pat was born January 30, 1932, in Kansas City, KS, to Gene and Lorene Angell. As a child Pat spent her life surrounded by family, with her grandparents (Mary Grandma & Ham) and great grandmother (Lady Grandma) living just up the block. Gene's service station was a gathering spot for her twelve cousins. Her father's love of the outdoors was the foundation for her relationships with horses and her love of dogs. Pat was a proud member of Roy Knapp's Rough Riders, a rough and tumble batch of school aged horseback riders. Every year they participated in the American Royal. They would perform in parades and rodeos all over the Midwest and Rocky Mountain States. They were in a movie, Rodeo Rhythm, which premiered in Kansas City, KS, at the Granada theater with the full Hollywood experience of red carpets and Klieg lights.

Pat graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1950 and then attended Kansas State College. She pledged the Kappa Delta sorority. She graduated in 1954 with a degree in home economics. She turned down job offers in her chosen profession in California and New York to marry the love of her life,

Fred Leive, on October 24, 1954. While he continued school at Emporia State Teachers College, she taught third and fourth grade at Prescott school in KCKS. She also worked at Sherri's Bridal on the Plaza.

After graduation, Fred went to work at Bendix and they started a family, first with Michelle and then with Sean. She put her teaching career on hold to settle into their new life in a home that Fred had built in south Kansas City, Missouri.

After Michelle completed first grade at Martin City Elementary, Pat was approached by the school principal. She offered Pat the position of first grade teacher. Not wanting to miss out on the opportunity to be in the same school as her children, she accepted. The next school year Fred liked to joke that he had a kindergartener, a first grader and a second grader.

Pat received her graduate degree from Webster College in St. Louis, MO. She went onto get her Language Arts Coordinator certification. Assuming that job, she transferred to Butcher-Greene Elementary.

In 1980 Pat made her first trip to Europe with her sister-in-law and dear friend, Dorothy Leive Gunther. They spent the next four weeks laughing their way through Europe with their high school friend, Jane Adams Hahn, who had lived in Germany since 1959. Pat and Fred made several other trips over the pond visiting every country imaginable. They made friends on every trip and later many were guests at their home. Her favorite place was always Ireland.

Pat was an accomplished seamstress. After years of sewing clothes for her kids and herself, she developed an interest in French hand sewing and smocking. She made beautiful garments for her grandchildren, even being awarded first and second prizes at the Missouri State Fair. The Christening gowns she made were true works of art.

In 1992 Fred and she retired. They enjoyed visiting cities and towns in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri as he completed industrial inspections for ETL, Inc. She made many friends in various antique and sewing stores in those towns as she would shop while Fred would work.

Pat and Fred loved their trips to Las Vegas, Branson and L.A. They also enjoyed traveling to IRA (International Reading Association) conventions. Among the cities they traveled to were Atlanta, Dallas, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Toronto, Chicago and San Diego. Pat ran and collected a 10K t-shirt each year.

Pat also broadened her media presence at this juncture in her life. She was in a TV commercial for the Missouri Lottery and an extra in the movie Ride with the Devil. She also was in an episode of Kansas City Crossroads recalling her adventures with the Rough Riders.

After Fred died, Pat found another passion. In 2011 she began volunteering at the WWI Memorial Museum. She enjoyed the stories of the many veterans that volunteered with her. As a teacher, she loved sharing history with the visitors.

Pat was a long-time member of the Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral and active until recent years. She was also an energetic member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter JK. She had a deep interest in genealogy and enjoyed spending hours digging into her family roots.

She leaves behind her children, Michelle and Sean, grandchildren Channing Paine (Joe), Quentin (Andrea), Aldyn (Dayton Jenison), and her great grandchildren Jeremiah, Jamie, and Kimber along with her sister in law,

Dorothy Gunther.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the National WWI Museum & Memorial. Donations may be made online or by sending a check to the National WWI Museum and Memorial, 2 Memorial Drive, KCMO, 64108.

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“ Mrs. Leive was always welcoming and kind. I was in awe of her sewing skills. I will be forever grateful for the beautiful baby bonnet she made for my daughter. Rest in Perfection.



Stefani Brancato - August 17, 2024 at 08:26 AM

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“ What a wonderful reflection and photo of our dear friend Pat. We'll miss our brief chats on the sidewalk and her macaroons (which she personally didn't like) - and will recall fondly having her over for a glass of wine by the fireplace at Christmas. 'But just a little for me,' she'd say. Our sincerest condolences to Michelle, Sean and the family. ~Ben Kruse & John Trombello

Ben Kruse - August 14, 2024 at 11:41 AM

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My brother and I were both students of Mrs Leive at Prescott Elementary. She was such a caring teacher and the boys were all madly in love with her! Through all those years she always remembered her students. After her husbands death I shared condolences to her on Legacy. She responded to me by email and we then had a phone conversation and she insisted I called her Pat. She said she knew exactly who I was as well as my brother and had saved newspaper articles about them. I was fortunate to receive our articles that she had saved. Unfortunately my husband and I moved back to Florida in 2014 and we never had the opportunity to get together. Rest in peace Pat and thank you for being a great role model to your students! Phyllis Ferris Smith

Phyllis Smith - April 23, 2025 at 08:39 AM



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