



## Patricia Ann Thomson Sheehan

June 30, 1921 - October 23, 2015

Former Falmouth and Fort Thomas, Kentucky, resident Patricia Ann Thomson Sheehan, passed away on Friday October 23, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas, where she had resided at Air Force Village 1 (Blue Skies of Texas East ) for the last 22 years. Patricia was born in Windom, Cottonwood County, in southwestern Minnesota. She was the oldest of four girls and one boy born to William Leslie Thomson and Honora O'Grady. Her parents first met when her US Navy seaman father, a veteran of President Teddy Roosevelt's "Great White Fleet", arrived at the Irish port city of Cobh while serving aboard the battleship "USS Minnesota". They corresponded for several years. He later returned to Europe to find, court and marry her upon his discharge from the Navy. At age nine Pat's family moved to a farm along the Wabash River in southern Indiana. She graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in 1940 and received her RN from the Welborn-Walker Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Evansville, Indiana in 1943 . She later became a U. S. Army Nurse assigned to then Camp Fletcher near Cambridge, Ohio. She was selected with a group of nurses to have tea with Bess Truman at the White House while serving there.

At Camp Fletcher Pat also met her favorite patient and love of her life, a young Army Captain from Falmouth, Kentucky, named James G. Sheehan, by then a seasoned veteran of North African and southern European Campaigns. They were married in 1945. After post war duty stations that included France,

Italy and Germany, Pat and Jim settled in Northern Kentucky. Pat became mother to 7 children in her first 9 years of marriage. She also continued her education. In 1955 she was awarded a B.S. in Nursing and Public Health from the University of Cincinnati . Pat actively supported her husband's (Dr. James G. Sheehan, U of Cincinnati and Xavier U) Economic and Marketing Consulting Practice while raising a growing family. Jim's work led to relocating the family to central Florida during the "space boom" in the 1960's. They eventually settled in the Miami area. Pat later returned to her passion for nursing as a Public Health Nurse for the State of Florida managing nursing facilities at numerous Dade county schools and coordinating the training of first time mothers until retirement. Pat believed in Community. She was an active volunteer with Catholic Charities, Notre Dame Academy, and St. Rose of Lima Parish and School in the Miami, Florida area . In San Antonio she energized multiple on campus Blue Skies of Texas East organizations and the Diabetes clinic at Wilford Hall Medical Center. She absolutely loved to brag on her family. Pat also loved to joke, tease, and could trade barbs with the best of them. She was an avid lifelong world traveler and voracious reader with passions for Nursing, Bingo, and The San Antonio Spurs . Pat was preceded in death by her husband Jim in 2001. She was also preceded by her parents, her sisters Geraldine Hoehn , Catherine Weatherford, Jeanette Finstrom, her brother, Mike Thomson, and by her grandchildren, Kelly and Kevin.

She is survived by her nine children: Mary, twins Jim (Kathy) and John(Sara), Dan(Pat), Tom, Jeanne (Tim, deceased), Anne (John), Maureen (Bruce, deceased; Dan, deceased) and Susan (Tom, deceased). Her Grandchildren Lesley (Alastair), Brian, Bridget, Siobhan (Brian), Colleen (Ali), Kerry, James, Caitlin, Mark, Laura, and David. Her Great-grandchildren Maxwell, Caroline, Isabella and Emma. She is also survived by her sister, Lorraine Files (Courtney, deceased); sisters in law Anne Fahy Sheehan (Rourke, deceased); and Dorothy Thomson Landaugh (Mike, deceased); and 50+ nieces and nephews whom make up her immediate family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 am at St. Francis Xavier Church in Falmouth, KY, on Saturday, November 21, 2015 with friends and family gathering at 10:00AM at the church. Interment with full military honors by the Hardin- Browning Post #109 will take place in the St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Falmouth. Woodhead Funeral Home, Falmouth, is serving the family. There will be a reception and dinner at the St. Francis Xavier Grade School gym (behind the church) following burial.