



Patricia Ann Allaman LaVan

February 11, 1943 - December 24, 2008

Patricia Ann Allaman LaVan, 65, of Shippenville, passed from this life to be with her Lord and Savior on Dec. 24, 2008, while surrounded by her family. Born Feb. 11, 1943, in Oil City, she was the daughter of the late Francis and Marian Banner Allaman.

She was a lifelong educator.

Following graduation from Keystone High School and Clarion State College, she began teaching at Shippenville Elementary.

After starting a family, she returned to her professional career with the Intermediate Unit 6 in Shippenville, followed by a job teaching at St. Michael's School in Fryburg, where she later became principal.

Following completion of a reading specialist degree, she spend 17 years teaching reading to seventh graders at Keystone High School. She reluctantly retired in 2005.

She was also the longtime Shippenville Borough tax collector.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Clarion.

The most cherished times of her life were spend with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She loved attending their sporting events and school activities.

She also enjoyed the simple things in life with her grandchildren, like making and decorating sugar cookies, and stuffing the Thanksgiving turkey.

She loved to cook for her family, and her family loved her to cook for them.

She was passionate about her flowers, especially her pansies and geraniums.

She also enjoyed sewing, quilting, canning, writing notes and sending cards to friends, and crossword, jigsaw and Sudoku puzzles.

Mrs. LaVan was a member or past member of the Clarion County Tax Collectors Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, the Seneca Reading Council, the International Reading Council, the Shippenville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, the Shippenville Civic Club, the Keystone Music Association, and was both a cub scout and brownie leader.

Surviving are four children, Tim LaVan and his wife, Linda, of Shippenville, Lisa McQuiston and her husband, Brian, of Kossuth, Marianne Hustead and her husband, Dellas, of Pittsburgh, and Mike LaVan and his wife, Brenda, of Shippenville; a brother, William Allaman and his wife, Mary, of Shippenville; and a sister, Jane Yeany and her husband, Bill, of Mechanicsville.

Survivors also include her six cherished grandchildren, Kelly, Kyle and Kari McQuiston, Lakynne and Brooks LaVan, and Jacob Hustead.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant brother, Robert Allaman; a brother, James Allaman; and a sister, Deborah Shaffer.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home of Clarion.

A Christian wake service will be held at 8:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Immaculate Conception Church of Clarion with the Rev. Monty Sayers, pastor, presiding.

Interment will be in the St. Michael's Cemetery in Fryburg.

In lieu of flower, the family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, or to the local public library.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS

RON HENRY - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember Patty as being very friendly and caring. She's still with you in spirit.

Nancy Henry Thompson - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our Family was so sorry to hear of your loss. Mom and Pat were such good friends for so many years. We all know your sadness - let your mother's smart and quick sense of humor be your strength. We are praying for you all daily. The Greco Family

The Francis Greco Family - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear LaVan Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Pat was always an inspiration to me. We often would have morning chats in the hall as she was heading to her room. We both had to retire from Keystone in 2005 due to health reasons but she loved to teach and her students loved her as well. She will be missed by all who have known her. May God rest her soul in Heaven.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey

Jeffrey O'Neil - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dearest Mike & Family,
We are so sorry for the loss of your mom. Mrs. Lavan was a very special and giving woman. Our whole family quite recently were on the receiving end of her generosity of love-she just poured out her love and compassion on us in every way possible. We know she is now with our beloved Natalie in heaven as a guardian angel. Our prayers are requesting must strength to you all in this difficult time of sadness. we love you and are here for you. Love, Kelly Matt and Lorenzo.

We are so sorry to be in NY and not able to be with you today and tomorrow.

kelly quinn , matt brown & Lorenzo Barchetti - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ To the Fisher family, Pat has always been called, “Mother LaVan”. Pat always put her kids first in her life. We had the honor of meeting Pat, while Karen and Pat taught at St. Michael’s school in 1977. Pat and Karen have faithfully exchanged Christmas cards each year ever since. In 2004 we had the pleasure of visiting, and getting “all the news”. Pat demonstrated the true love a mother can share. She will be in heaven, watching her children and grandchildren. We will miss Mother LaVan.
Karen and Bill Fisher.

Karen Fisher - December 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ TO TIM, LISA, MARIANNE, AND MIKE, AND FAMILY,
MAY ALL YOUR WONDERFUL MEMORIES GIVE YOU
STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT, WHICH I'M SURE YOU
HAVE SO MANY TO BE THANKFUL FOR, SHE WAS A SUPER
LADY, JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT
OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. MAY
GOD BLESS YOU, WITH OUR LOVE, PAUL AND DORIS
MCCAULEY.

PAUL AND DORIS MCCAULEY - December 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Tim, Lisa and all the LaVan family: My prayers and heartfelt
condolences go out to you all. I had the pleasure in meeting your
mom while attending Keystone High School with you both, she
always smiled and was kind to me even though I was a teenager
that new everything. God Bless, Jeff*

Jeff Beck - December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*

Lori Terwilliger - December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with your families.*

Tom & Julie Miller - December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ To Pat's family...I had the honor to know Pat through our card club. It was always an enjoyable evening when we could spend it with her...she was always beaming with pride about the latest updates on her precious family. She was a good woman, mother, sister and member of her community. She worked hard and accomplished much and I know you will all miss her very much. I am so sorry this happened to you family a holiday which should bring you so much happiness. Perhaps she will always be with you on Christmas eve to oversee what is going on. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Carol Harris

Carol Harris - December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Mrs. LaVan, there are no words to explain her. She was the best teacher that I have ever had. She was the best teacher that Keystone did and will ever have. She was the one that never gave up on her students. She never gave up on me. She had a great sense of humor. She always knew how to make people laugh. She was my friend, and for this I will miss her. She will always be in my heart. I miss you and love you.

Kylee Cozad Frantz - December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ To the family of Patricia LaVan,

The council and employees of the Borough of Shippenville wishes to express their condolences for your loss. We appreciate Patricia's years of service to the borough. In remembrance of her devotion we have given a donation to the Knox Public library in her name. Please accept our condolences, as we share in your sorrow. Michael Cotherman, Linda Duffee, Dutch Robertson, Doug Penny, Paul Boorech, Gary Dittman, Russell Rennard and Colleen Smith

Borough of Shippenville - December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *My heartfelt prayers to the family and friends of Patty. I remember her when I was growing up in Shipperville and also as my son, Tom's teacher. She was a very kind, caring, and giving person. God Bless you all and may God bring you comfort during this time of loss. Sincerely, Judy*

Judy Fisher - December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM