



## Patricia Kling Burnley

February 19, 2021

Patricia Kling Burnley, 92, entered into eternal rest on February 19, 2021 of natural causes. Born in Lancaster, she leaves behind a legacy of love, entrepreneurship and joy for millions of people who loved Lancaster County and came to Kitchen Kettle Village over and over again to celebrate what it represents.

Family meant everything to Pat. She grew up with her two sisters, Betty Smith and Martha Weaver, in Intercourse, PA helping her father Victor Kling in his auctioneering and insurance business. She and her mother Anna High Kling tended to their gardens and home. Being the third of three girls, she always said “my father wanted a boy so he just raised me like one.” In the 1930’s that meant she clerked the sales where her father was the auctioneer, paid the bills and greeted the insurance clients in his home office and received her Associates degree from Drexel College after high school.

She met Robert Clarence Burnley at Drexel, where the two of them were attending school. Bob was an Army Sergeant in World War II and always wanted a business of his own. So in 1954, he bought a jelly business in Mechanicsburg and moved the recipes and kettles to his garage in Intercourse. He worked three jobs in addition to setting up the business to make sure he could support his wife and three children until Kitchen Kettle was established. Pat was an equal partner and did her part to make sure the business could survive. Little did they know those combined efforts, which their friend from New Holland dubbed Kitchen Kettle Foods, would spark a business and life’s work for them and the next two generations. This would inspire countless other entrepreneurs and allow millions of people from all over the world to take part in the simple way of life Lancasterians treasure.

Pat also loved to travel, especially with her two sisters, Betty Smith and Martha Weaver, and a cousin, Anne Lockey. The Kling sisters were a formidable trio who built their own legacy of family, cousins and true connection for generations to come. They regularly visited college campuses, museums, churches, and faraway cities with Road Scholar travel company. She also loved to learn so these trips and her business allowed her to

explore, wonder and participate in new experiences— a trait that marked the spirit of Kitchen Kettle.

Pat's faith was very important to her. She sang in the choir and was a soloist at St. Stephen Reformed Church in New Holland while she and Bob were raising their family. They also taught Sunday School to teenagers, and in true fashion, many of those classes were hosted at their family home after church so she could in another form display her true devotion to good hospitality. Later, she would serve on the Parish Resource Board in Lancaster County because she believed in God's watchful eye on her world. She sang in the choir and was a Stephen Minister at Highland Presbyterian Church for many years. Pat served as President of Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) and was with American Cancer Society as a volunteer for Road to Recovery.

Pat was a poet and a writer of sorts. When her days of constant leadership and working at Kitchen Kettle were being transferred to the second generation of the business she relished the role of Grammy. At each of her six grandchildren's successful end of higher education, she composed a thick scrapbook of memories from their journey to that pinnacle. There were stories she remembered, letters she had collected, poems to inspire and advice from their cousins, aunts and uncles and from Grammy herself. Pat was always creating something new while challenging her mind to stay busy and find ways to make others happy.

Of all things Pat was courageous and trusted in God's faithfulness. She took on challenges; believed they would work out and then set out to make sure they did. In 2007, Pat was awarded the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award by Discover Lancaster, the award has since been renamed the Burnley Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition, she received the Woman of Influence Lifetime Achievement Award from the Central Penn Business Journal.

After Bob Burnley died and the second generation had firmly established themselves at Kitchen Kettle Village, Pat dove into the role of Grammy while pursuing her other interests. At the age of 87, she met and married Charlie Coon. The two of them found love, joy, and friends in their life together. Rather than building a business and traveling the world, they enjoyed the comfort and caretaking of each other and newfound friends. They transitioned to live at The Long Home by her church and finally settled at Garden Spot Village when more tender loving care was needed for her.

Pat's devotion to hard work, "sticktoitiveness," creativity, family and hospitality will live on in the people who watched and were inspired by her unending energy and her

graciousness. Her commitment and love for the many Kitchen Kettle employees over her entire career was unmatched. Her children Michael and Carol Burnley, Jim and Peggy Burnley, Joanne Burnley Ladley and Joe Byorick are grateful for her life, love, and legacy. Her grandchildren, Michelle and Joe Rondinelli , Mark Burnley, Allyson Ladley Gibson and Ryan Gibson, Scott Ladley and Heidi Ludwick, JR Burnley, Devon Burnley, Courtney Dougherty, and nine great grandchildren will continue to treasure the memories and be inspired by the life of Patricia Kling Burnley Coon – Grammy to us all.

A private Celebration of Life Memorial service for Pat will be held at Highland Presbyterian Church with Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey officiating. The public is invited to join a broadcast on the Highland Presbyterian YouTube channel found at [www.youtube.com/c/highlandpresbyterian](http://www.youtube.com/c/highlandpresbyterian) beginning on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 beginning at 1 p.m. (this is a change of date). The interment will be held at Conestoga Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in Pat's name to Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 E. Roseville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.

# Previous Events

## Livestream

MAR 10. 1:00 PM.

Highland Presbyterian youtube Channel  
<http://www.youtube.com/highlandpresbyterian>

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Averna Family lit a candle in memory of Patricia Kling Burnley*



the Averna family - May 17, 2021 at 01:51 PM

AF

*Averna family*

Averna family - May 17, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies.  
I have very fond memories of our family visits, I was always very fond of both Bob & Patsy.  
Colleen Devlin Bang*

Colleen Bang - March 17, 2021 at 08:01 AM

DL

“ *sympathies to the burnley family and relatives. I grew up with mike carol & linda in intercourse*

*e & have many memorys of it. not many memorys of pat ,she was busy & nice. mike & I traped muskrats tried A mini golf coure at his house. town kids played basketball at grandma klings house,.. played hockey at fishers pond outside intercourse', & baseball at field by Methodist church by carols.*

*best wishes as you move forward*

*Dave longenecker*

Dave Longenecker - March 09, 2021 at 11:10 AM

SD

“ *We never had the privilege of meeting Pat, but we have enjoyed her gifts and hospitality for years when we travel to Kitchen Kettle. Our children grew up visiting there during our summer vacations. It was always a highlight for them - especially tasting the treats! You will miss her every day, but her love will stay in your hearts. Please know that many will be lifting you up in prayer. May the Lord's love bring you comfort and peace.*

Sue Dietsche - March 08, 2021 at 05:09 PM

BR

“ *My heartfelt sadness goes to the entire family.*

BERNADINE T RATAJCZAK - February 28, 2021 at 09:49 AM

CL

“ *It is with with sadness and appreciation that I send this message to Joann ,Mike and Jim..*

*The summer of 1986 I had the pleasure to work with the Burnley Family at Kitchen Kettle, and will always remember the respect Pat and the rest of the family showed me that summer. It was and always will be one of my favorite places to work, especially when Pat would suit me up in one of those costumes for theme days and I would run around the village greeting guests as they arrived. Getting to work at the Village with the Burnley family is without a doubt one of the highlights in my 52 years of being in the Restaurant business..*

*Blessings to you all*

*Christy Lapp*

Christy Lapp - February 24, 2021 at 08:53 AM

DE

“ *My deepest sympathies to the entire Burnley family and to her husband on the passing of Pat. She was a beautiful person! I appreciated her heart for her faith, her family, her friends, and her Kitchen Kettle family! She will be dearly missed!*  
*Deborah E. Evans, Ph.D.*

Deborah Evans - February 24, 2021 at 08:38 AM

LM

“ *We are the Fairfield Inn and Suites Lancaster East send our deepest condolences to Joann and the family. We have lost an amazing woman who has contributed to the success of tourism in Lancaster County. Her memory will live in forever in so many people's lives.*

Laura Maenak - February 24, 2021 at 08:19 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Patricia Kling Burnley.*



February 23, 2021 at 05:43 PM

BS

“ Sincere sympathy to Joanne and her family. Norm & Bea Strenger

Bea Strenger - February 23, 2021 at 08:54 AM

JJ

“ The Burnley Family

I am so sorry to hear of Grammy's passing. She was an amazing lady who touched so my lifes. I have so many treasure memories working at KKV and the whole Kkv family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Jo Anne Jumper

Jo Anne Jumper - February 22, 2021 at 10:56 PM

PR

“ My condolences to the entire Burnley family for the loss of Mrs Burnley. She was so accomplished. May peace be with you all.

Patricia Remetz

Patricia A Remetz - February 22, 2021 at 07:36 PM

JH

“ We share the sadness with the Burnley family for loosing such an energetic and graceful matriarch. It's been such a pleasure to be part of the Kitchen Kettle "family" at the Waltz Winery Tasting room. Always took some time to visit (and taste) the Jam & Jelly Shop, where it all started. Grateful that her legacy continues with the newer generations.

God Bless!

Jeff & Kathy Heil

Jeff & Kathy Heil - February 22, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ Mary Wolpert Christian lit a candle in memory of Patricia Kling Burnley



Mary Wolpert Christian - February 22, 2021 at 11:10 AM



*Mike (and Carol). Was sorry to hear that your mother had passed. I met her years ago when dining at the restaurant. Such a gracious lady and host. It's difficult to lose a parent at any age. I'm sure she left a huge void in your family. Love and prayers to comfort you. (Carol I hope you are doing well.) Mary*

**Mary Wolpert Christian** - February 22, 2021 at 11:15 AM

LH

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



**Lisa Horn** - February 22, 2021 at 10:52 AM



*Mike (and Carol), was sorry to hear that your mother had passed. I met her once when dining at the restaurant many years ago. Such a gracious lady and host. Its difficult to lose a parent at any age and I'm sure she leaves a huge void in your close knit family. Prayers to comfort you. Much love and prayers to comfort you. (Carol I hope you are doing well). Mary Christian - from B's office.*

**Mary Wolpert Christian** - February 22, 2021 at 11:07 AM

LH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Lisa Horn** - February 22, 2021 at 10:40 AM

MH

*What a beautiful family that shares so much love with everyone they meet. These are the people who make America so great. God bless you all and we so sad to see you have been called home to be with the LORD you and your lovely family share so much with every American who visited with you. "To be absent from the body is to present with the LORD." amen..Margaret Hood ) Monroe, NC*

**Margaret Hood** - April 26, 2021 at 11:18 AM

KM

“ *Our condolences to the Burnley family  
Kenny & Suzanne Myers & the Kegel's Produce staff*

Kenneth Myers - February 22, 2021 at 09:45 AM

PD

“ *My condolences to Pat's family and her dear husband Charley. Peg and I met Pat and Charley the day we moved into Long Community from Iowa when we rented the lovely apartment on the third floor which had been Pat's until she moved to the apartment on the first floor she and Charley lived in after their marriage. Their hospitality led to our enduring friendship. We attended their church services and many activities including meals, performances and Kitchen Kettle, always riding with them since neither Peg nor I drive. Pat was always caring about us. and we grieve deeply her passing. and the family's loss. Charley, an inside to you: a promise not kept. To all, we send our love. God bless..*

*Peg and Dick Sperring*

Peg and Dick - February 21, 2021 at 05:30 PM

SR

*Dear Charlie and Family  
We are so sorry for your loss.  
We so enjoyed eating with you at Long Home. Pat was a dear person and do are you Charlie. Give us a call when you can.  
Love and Prayers  
Stan & Cindy Rambish*

Stan Rambish - February 22, 2021 at 12:51 PM

EE

“ *With a fond memory and my deepest sympathy, Pat was my Sunday School teacher many, many years ago at St Stephen Reformed Church in New Holland. One Sunday Pat invited our class over to their house and Yes, we had a sample of jelly in the garage.  
May God's strength comfort you with his peace.*

*Eugene Eberly*

Eugene Eberly - February 21, 2021 at 03:52 PM

JB

“ Joanne, Mike, Michelle and family,  
Pat's is indeed a life to celebrate. What a dynamo, and for so many decades. She influenced many lives, and I know you are well on the way to continuing that legacy. She was a shining example of how to infuse one's work with love. Of all her recipes, that was the most important.  
Sending love and comfort your way.  
Sincerely,  
Jill Brown

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**Jill Brown** - February 21, 2021 at 02:12 PM

MA

“ My sincerest condolences go out to the family. We haven't been to Lancaster Country for the last several years but always made it a point to say hello to Pat when she was about. I also remember her and Bob stopping in my Dad's luncheonette in Portland Maine on their way to their summer vacation spot on the Maine Coast.

Mark Chorney

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**Mark** - February 21, 2021 at 02:03 PM

RB

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss of a lovely lady.  
In the 1970's I met Pat in a Dale Carnegie course. She was one of the nicest ladies I ever met. I often think of some of those classes and how she was always supportive she was of all the class members.  
Several years ago (maybe 10) my wife and I made our first visit to Kitchen Kettle. I asked a worker if Pat was still active in the business and she told me that "She is", I told her about our mutual connection at which point she told me that Pat was in her office and she would tell her I was there.  
In a short time Pat showed up and we had a very nice chat and a few laughs about our classes. She was so kind and I will always remember her as a beautiful lady.  
Rodger Brown



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**Rodger Brown** - February 21, 2021 at 10:56 AM

BR

“ I remember singing with Opera Lancaster at Kitchen Kettle, Christmas Carols at Pat's invitation. Dressed in Victorian costume, standing on the grounds, it was a very special feeling and remembrance. Bonita Reed

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**Bonita L Reed** - February 21, 2021 at 10:27 AM

BD

“ *Dear Burnley Family:*

*Sending you all my heartfelt sympathy in the great loss of your mom, grandmother, and great grandmother! I worked at Kitchen Kettle years ago but remember admiring Pat's genuine caring for others and work ethic. Thinking of you all but how awesome that her legacy lives on in so many aspects in the community forever!*

*Sincerely, Bev Doughty*

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**bev doughty** - February 21, 2021 at 06:41 AM