



Dr. Patricia Thomson Herr

April 12, 2023

Dr. Patricia (Trish) Thomson Herr, 86, of Lancaster, passed away on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at Country Meadows, Hershey, PA. Born in Schenectady, NY, she was the daughter of the late Hugh E. Thomson Sr. and Martha Nydegger Thomson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Donald Maurice Herr, to whom she was married for 59 years.

She is survived by their children: Roger Allan and partner Vincent Fiorenti of Brooklyn, NY; Martha Anne, wife of James A. Brown, of Harrisburg, PA, and Elizabeth (Beth) Louise, wife of William B. Collier III, of Marietta, GA, and two grandchildren, Carolyn Elizabeth Brown and Aaron James Brown. She was preceded in death by her brother, Hugh E. "Tom" Thomson.

Trish/Mom/Grandma was a woman ahead of her time. She attended the College of Agriculture at Cornell University and was one of three women to graduate from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell in 1960. In 1964, she and her husband founded the Manheim Pike Veterinary Hospital in Lancaster, PA. She was the first woman president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association and later served on the State Board of Veterinary Medicine. She and her husband were loyal Cornell alumni.

Trish, together with her husband, was an avid antique collector, researcher, lecturer, author and curator. She focused on regional textiles such as quilts,

coverlets and needlework. She devoted much time and energy to volunteer work with the Heritage Center Museum, Landis Valley Museum, Linden Hall and the Costume and Textile Committee of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Trish and Don together owned and operated "The Herrs Antiques." They spent many wonderful and untold hours at country auctions, flea markets and antique shows pursuing this mutual passion.

Trish/Mom/Grandma was a kind and loving soul, with a ready smile and a quick wit. She also had a love for well-matched accessories. We invite all guests to wear the jewelry that brings them joy.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Trish's Life at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster PA on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Troy Howell officiating. The family will receive friends at Groffs from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service. There will be a reception immediately following the service. Private family interment will take place in Willow Street Mennonite Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Trish's memory may be made to Lancaster History, www.lancasterhistory.org or the Country Meadows Co-Worker Foundation, <https://www.countrymeadows.com/about-us/co-worker-foundation>.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
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Lancaster, PA 17603
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Patricia Thomson Herr*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 17, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ *Dr. Patricia Thomson Herr*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *On behalf of Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine, please accept my condolences on the passing of your mother, Dr. Trish Herr. I had the pleasure of working with your mother for a number of years as she served as the social class chair and attended many reunions back at Cornell Vet. What a lovely lady! We will share this news with classmates from the DVM Class of 1960. Sincerely, Lyn LaBar*

Lyn LaBar - July 05, 2023 at 10:14 AM

CK

“ So sorry for the loss for you and your family, Martha, of your Mom. My Mother, Sybil, sends her condolences as well. May you be comforted by warm memories mutually shared. Your childhood friend,
Cindi (Lawrence) Kimmel

Cindi Kimmel - May 23, 2023 at 02:32 PM

JF

“ It was so wonderful to see all of the family photos of Trish with her ever-present smile. Thanks so much for sharing these! She was a role model for all young woman who seek to follow non-traditional paths and will be long remembered. She will be missed at the Chi Gam Happy Hours.

Joni Fritz - April 17, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ 75 files added to the album LifeTributes



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 17, 2023 at 11:05 AM

WZ

“ *Trish was an incredibly kind, thoughtful and generous person who, for so many years, devotedly gave of her time and expertise to the Heritage Center Museum -- and me personally as the Curator. She constantly shared her knowledge of quilts, coverlets and needlework, serving as a mentor to me over the years. She was a beautiful person who will be dearly missed!*
Wendell Zercher

Wendell Zercher - April 16, 2023 at 08:52 PM

SW

*Trish was my roommate at Cornell during our Junior Year at Risley Hall where we were counselors for our corridor of incoming freshmen.... we had a wonderful year of special memories ! In addition, she was a Chi Gamma Sorority Sister and always active through the decades at our Cornell Reunions when several attended. For past 3 years we have held Zoom Happy Hours - Trish participated in our March one. We will raise a glass in her honor at the upcoming 65th in June. I have kept the beautiful Christmas cards from Don and Trish which showcased their special pewter and quilt collections. I will miss Trish very much
*Sonja Wilkin, Clayton, CA (SF Bay Area)**

Sonja Wilkin - April 17, 2023 at 02:09 AM

SG

She was a great vet and she was good with my dog

Sharon Gable - May 30, 2023 at 05:23 PM

SG

“ *Just wanted to sorry for lose.*

Sharon Gable - April 15, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 14, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ *I remember Trish not only as a veterinary colleague, but as a unique and kind lady. She and Don were wonderful people and will be missed. - Dr Val Jordan*

Valerie Jordan - April 14, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Dr. Patricia Thomson Herr.*



April 14, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Patricia Thomson Herr.*



April 14, 2023 at 07:27 AM