

# PATRICIA CRAY



Born in Pittsburgh, PA, the daughter of Thelma Sykes Lane and John Cratty. She passed away peacefully on October 7, 2023, from a fall at home and subsequent complications. A lifelong actress, her first performance at four years old led to a lifelong passion for the theater. She played several prominent roles in National Broadway productions, including "Take Her, She's Mine" and "Streetcar Named

Desire." In 1971, she earned a Bachelor's degree from Quinnipiac University in Connecticut while taking a break from Broadway. During this time, she worked as a Field Manager for Reader's Digest in Fairfield, CT, where, as the only female sales manager, earned "Field Manager of the Year" by selling more than all 13 managers combined. As if this was not impressive enough, she was winning dog shows with her pedigree Yorkshire Terrier, namely (appropriately), Stella. After this, she returned to the theater, including Austin Pendelton's "John Gabriel Borkman," from which her son was named. After her son, Gabriel, was born, she returned to Pittsburgh to earn her law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law before becoming an accomplished law clerk at the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas specializing in Family Law. Over the next 25 years in Pittsburgh, she continued to work onscreen, including projects such as the PA Lottery commercials, "Love and Other Drugs (2010)," "Wonder Boys (2000)," and "The Kill Point (2007)." She moved to Allentown, PA, to be close to her son and daughter-in-law after her Parkinson's diagnosis in 2015, where she remained.

She is survived by her son, John Gabriel Lloyd; daughter-in-law, Kacey Lloyd; her two grandsons, Huxley and Bodie Lloyd; great-uncle Ralph Sykes; cousins Bonnie Sykes, and Robert Sykes.

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