

# PATRICIA OSBORNE SMITH



Patricia Osborne Smith, age 96, died at home in Pittsburgh, March 6, 2024.

Born in Bronxville, NY, Patsy grew up in Litchfield, CT, the daughter of Loyall Allen Osborne, Jr. (of Pittsburgh) and Emily Montague Cooke Osborne (of Honolulu, HI). She had one sister, Anne O. Swain, who predeceased her.

After spending four years at Chatham Hall, Patsy graduated from Vassar College, in 1950, with a BA in English. Following graduation, she married Robert L. Becker, Jr., an attorney in Pittsburgh, at St. Michael's Church in Litchfield. The Beckers had three children. In 1980, she married Wallace W. Smith, Jr. of Fox Chapel, who predeceased her.

Devoted to the arts in Pittsburgh, Patsy served on various committees throughout her life at the Carnegie Museum of Art, including the Women's Committee and the Three Rivers Arts Festival. Along with civil and voting rights, Patsy was most passionate about the power of literacy and spent more than half her life advocating for and working with adult students learning to read and write through the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council (now Literacy Pittsburgh). She served as President of the Council's Board of Directors. The Smiths were also founding donors of the August Wilson African American Cultural Center in Pittsburgh.

Patsy is survived by her three children, Anne B. Hulley (Northampton, MA), Emily B. Naunheim (O'Fallon, IL) and Robert L. Becker, III (New York, NY and Cornwall, CT); four step-children from her second marriage, Pamela Stodolsky, Wallace W. Smith, III (Ladan), Sarah Smith (Robert Davidson) and Steuart Smith (Dana); eight grandchildren, Nathan Hulley, Emily Hulley Keating, Elizabeth Hulley Sukhovskaya, Timothy Hulley, James Hulley, Anastasia Hulley Sandoval, Mariya Hulley and Margaret Naunheim Grubb; fourteen great-grandchildren; two sons-in-law predeceased her, David A. Hulley and David E. Abrams.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Merwin Conservancy on Maui, Literacy Pittsburgh, or the August Wilson African American Cultural Center. A Memorial Service for Patsy will be held at Calvary Episcopal Church, 215 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, May 10, 2024, at 2 p.m. Arrangements by **JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC.** ([freyvogelfuneralhome.com](http://freyvogelfuneralhome.com)).

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