

## Patty S. Gerlach Obituary



It is with great sadness that we announce Patty S. Gerlach, age 84, died on Monday, August 4, 2025, unexpectedly from medical complications in Fairfax, VA.

Patty was born on May 22, 1941, in Washington, DC to Donald and Elizabeth Surine.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Ret. Lt. Col. Howard "Larry" Gerlach; her brother, William Surine and sister-in-law, Mary Ann Surine; her children, Travis Gerlach and Megan Bash; her son-in-law Jeremy Bash and Jeremy's son Drew. She was also the beloved grandmother to Therese Gerlach and Robert Bash.

She graduated from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School in 1956 and continued her studies at Georgetown University. Subsequently, she completed an AA Degree in California. Patty for many years was a valued employee at the Postmaster General's Office at the United States Post Office in Washington, DC and the Agency for International Development.

A viewing will take place on August 8, 2025, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA. A funeral mass will be celebrated on August 9, 2025, 12 p.m., at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 5121 Woodland Way, Annandale, VA. The interment will be at a later date. To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

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