



## Patricia Lash

January 7, 1924 - February 5, 2013

Patricia (Pat) Lash, age 89, passed away on February 5, 2013 at her home in Prescott, Arizona. She was born on January 7, 1924 in Alhambra, California to James and Gladys (Bollon) Lannan.

Pat was a loving mother, teacher and librarian; guiding and helping children were her life's work. She taught third grade at Miller Valley School in the early 1960s and then at Taylor Hicks when it opened. She later moved to Lompoc, California where she served as Children's Librarian at the city library. She had a Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Arizona in Tucson. She returned home to Prescott in 2000, with her son.

Pat is survived by her son, Eric Lash of Prescott; daughter, Barbara (Michael) Flynn of Crosslake, Minnesota; and grandsons: Ryan, Sean and Daniel Flynn of Minnesota. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert (Bob) Lash (Ltc. USAF Ret.).

She was a joy to all. She will be sorely missed, but we know she is in a better place now.

The family suggests donation be made in Pat's name to United Animal Friends, PO Box 11133, Prescott, AZ 86304; Circle-L Ranch Animal Rescue & Sanctuary, 8535 E. Smitty's Place, Prescott Valley, AZ 86315 (make checks payable to Feathers Foundation-Circle L Ranch); or the Yavapai Humane Society, 1625 Sundog Ranch Rd., Prescott, AZ 86301. Hampton Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements.

# Comments

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Dear Lash family,

I am so deeply saddened by the passing of Mrs. Lash. She was my third grade teacher at Miller Valley and then Taylor Hicks when it was finished and, was opened. Not only was she my teacher she was absolutely my favorite teacher, ever. I was a child that was a challenge to all of the staff and faculty, in those days I was called "hyper active". I was always going to the Principals office for a swat, for some kind of misbehavior that needed to be dealt with. This happened in all my grades, classes, and with every one of my teachers, except my third grade year, Mrs. Lash's year. I truly felt loved in her class, and I will never forget her. She was the most inspirational authority figure, in my entire life. To this very day, and I imagine thru all the rest of my days I will feel her love, guidance, inspiration, and even her protection. My Dad used to laugh because she called me "Punkin" and I loved to be anywhere around in her class. I'm sobbing as I write this, not as much for her loss, but because she was such an incredible, and loving person, that I wanted everyone to know her, and feel her love as I was truly blessed to have known. She changed my life for the better all those years ago, because she taught me what a wonderful world, we all live. Mrs. Lash was one of God's biggest blessings to me. God, only knows where I would be now, if he had not allowed me to have such an awesome positive influence in my life, as she was. Thank you, just for having been. Very Sincerely Randy Gene Ratliff  
February 17, 2013 9:29 AM

**Randy Ratliff** - February 17, 2013 at 11:43 AM



Dear Randy,

Thanks for the Wonderful tribute! It still brings tears to my eyes every time I read it. No one could have said it better. Thank God that we have such people touch our lives when we seem to need them most. I truly believe she is in a better place now and will be happy to see us again when it's our time to join her. Wishing You the best in life... Eric Lash

**Eric Lash** - June 07, 2013 at 07:51 AM



Dear Lash family,

I was thinking back on my life and on people who have touched me and Mrs. Lash popped in first. I was a scared, lonely and painfully shy little girl in third grade. Going outside for recess was terrifying for me. She saw this and managed to find some way I could "help" her inside many days. She was the first person to make me feel special and cared about. We moved often and never back to Prescott. I wish I'd gotten to tell her how much her kindness meant to me then and now. She was the best and will always be in my thoughts. Christie (Ewin) Nico

**Christie** - October 23, 2016 at 12:02 PM

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Dear Lash family,

Please accept my deep regrets for your loss. Death is our greatest enemy and always brings pain and grief which I felt when I lost my whole family to it but I found comfort and hope from what Jehovah Gods word says at John11:11 and Mark5:39 that they'er just asleep and Jesus states at John5:28,29 that I'll see them again and this helps me get through each day because I miss them so much. I do hope that by your reading these scriptures in your Bible that you'll find hope and comfort also because this is my purpose in sharing this with you. Please know that I do share your grief and truly hope this has helped in some way. Please feel free to let me know at [gloriamosley@hotmail.com](mailto:gloriamosley@hotmail.com)  
Sincerely, Gloria Mosley

**Gloria Mosley** - February 11, 2013 at 11:30 AM



Dear Barbara and Eric:

So sorry to hear about the loss of your mother ... having just gone through the same experience. It is a very difficult time, even though your Mom led a full and fruitful life. Just like with my Mom ... the end comes as a relief for their suffering ... but, for those left behind it is a very odd realization, that you are now an orphan. A very strange concept to grasp, after having the love and comfort of your parents for as long as you have! I remember going over to your house, in high school, where Eric and I would practice our guitar playing from the Beatle Songbook ... and your mother always welcomed me and the noise that would soon be ringing throughout the house. Great memories, based on a mother's love and understanding, and allowing her children to interact with their friends in a positive manner. Got to love that ...

Our deepest regrets and loving tribute to a wonderful mother ... from the Shipley family to the Lash family!

**Greg Shipley** - February 12, 2013 at 12:08 PM