

In Memoriam Patricia D. Saul

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Whenever I think about Pat Saul, her cheerful smile comes to mind. Pat loved the Christmas Tea and along with her husband, Mike, acted as the cashier and greeter for this event for nearly as many years as she was a member of St. Luke's (she and Mike came to St. Luke's in 1997, having moved to Chester, Vermont from Yalesville, Conn.)

From the moment she and Mike stepped through the doors at St. Luke's they became totally involved in the life of this faith community. Pat served on the Vestry for a number of years and later as the Vestry Secretary & Clerk. She and Mike were Delegates to the Diocesan Convention numerous times and served as Deanery Representatives. Pat & Mike were lectors during worship services and Pat was a prayer leader. She sang with the choir for a short time until her health prevented her from doing so (but she continued to sing out with joy from the pews.) She regularly participated in the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group and Holy Eucharist and with Mike attended and supported almost all the special events at St. Luke's. For the past 2-3 years, Pat acted as the office church secretary, 3 days a week, on a volunteer basis and she and Mike copied and assembled the weekly Sunday Bulletins in recent years.

Pat was not a person you could ignore when she was in the same room with you. She was never shy about expressing her opinions and had a deep and abiding faith in the Lord. She was a "people person" and loved being among others. Or as Paul expressed it at her memorial service, "Pat was a party girl." One of her passions was "outreach" and helping others in the local community as well as in the world. She took up the reins of the United Thank Offering (UTO) when Jane Zezza passed away and was always ready and eager to take up the cause of those in need. Another of her passions in recent years was to raise funds for a Memorial Garden at St. Luke's Church. This dream became a reality in

the summer of 2008, when the garden was planted. Pat has always wanted her ashes laid to rest here at St. Luke's when God called finally her home.

Pat was such a vital presence at St. Luke's and in the local community that it is difficult to grasp the reality of her death. I still expect to look up and see her sitting in her favorite pew, or get a phone call from her during the week asking me some question about church. She has touched all our lives with her unwavering faith and witness of God's love. We will truly miss her, but are grateful knowing she is free of the debilitating pain from rheumatoidal arthritis that she courageously endured for so many years. Our prayers go out to Mike and to their children as they grieve the loss of a loving wife and mother.