The Impressive Life of Patricia Mogan

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Patricia (Tish/Pat) Mogan, age 78, born to Thomas and Edith Mogan in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Tish received her angel wings on Sunday, October 18, 2026.

Tish spent her early days in South Philadelphia (The Meadows) until her family moved to Glenolden, Pennsylvania, where she attended St. George Elementary School. At Archbishop Prendergast High School she excelled in every subject and won many Subject Excellence awards at graduation.

She then answered a vocation with the Sisters of Mercy, living in a community of service while earning her BA in Mathematics, with a minor in Education, from Gwynedd Mercy College. She later received her Master of Arts in Theology from St. Bonaventure University. Teaching students from elementary through high school gave her much joy. While with the Sisters of Mercy, she taught elementary school at Maternity BVM in Philadelphia, math at Bishop McDevitt High School in Montgomery County, and math and theology to junior high and high school students at Walsingham Academy in Williamsburg, Virginia. She kept her friends from the Mercy order close, especially Marie Michelle Donnelly and Marianne Nolan, along with many others.

After more than 20 years of service, Tish left the Sisters of Mercy and began a new career in the nonprofit world, living first in Malvern and then in Phoenixville. In 1987, she became Executive Director of the MBF Center, an accredited post-secondary computer and business school that helped individuals with multiple disabilities gain workforce skills. From 1990 to 1997, she studied part time at Eastern University, earning an MBA in Nonprofit Management, and later joined the adjunct faculty there to teach Business Ethics in Nonprofit Management.

After 15 years at the MBF Center, Tish realized how much she missed teaching. In 2001, she began her final career as Director of the Standards for Excellence Program at the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations (PANO) in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The move brought her to her home in the mountains of Halifax, Pennsylvania. Tish was hired to implement and launch the Standards for Excellence Program, and her work is credited with expanding PANO’s statewide reach, helping grow its membership from 325 to more than 700 in her first three years. The job took her on many road trips across Pennsylvania to teach the Standards for Excellence to nonprofits. As with all her endeavors, she loved being part of PANO and the chance to keep learning and teaching. Tish finally retired in 2023 at the age of 75. She continued working with PANO as a consultant and participated in monthly online legal webinars with non-profit attorney Donald W. Kramer until the week before her death. As always, Tish kept all her acquaintances she met while at PANO close to her heart.

Tish loved reading books, newspapers, and online articles. She also loved her daily sudoku, crocheting beautiful blankets for others, gardening, playing the piano, cooking, playing spider solitaire, and caring for her feline friends. She was steadfastly dedicated to keeping in touch with family and friends, and she scheduled phone calls and visits to make sure the connection happened. She always looked forward to her bi-weekly phone calls with her good friend Rody Gratton. Each summer she looked forward to vacationing in South Carolina with the retreat crew, including Allen and Nancy Kukovic. Tish never forgot a birthday. Her card always arrived on time with a personal note, and she couldn't wait to design her next Christmas card for the more than 125 people on her list. Decorating the Christmas tree was very important to her, and her friend Larry Kaufman was always there to help string the festive lights. Morning coffee was a must. She cooked shrimp scampi for guests and brought her famous jalapeño cheese dip to parties. Every Christmas she baked chocolate chip cookies and delivered them to her wonderful neighbors Brenda, Clark, Kelly and Tim and to the family members she visited. Each week she visited Clark, the 93-year-old farmer down the road, to bring him the newspaper's sports section and share part of her Sunday meal.

Despite all her health struggles, Tish persevered and always found the best in everyone. She treated every person she met with respect and kindness, regardless of their color, sexual orientation, religion or country of origin. Tish believed every human being had worth simply by being human, and that a person's value had nothing to do with their wealth, housing, or social standing. She asked every new acquaintance for their name and remembered it whenever she spoke about them.

Tish was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Edith Mogan; her sisters, Justine Green and Susanne Mogan; her brothers, Michael Mogan and Thomas Mogan; her niece, Mary Iovino; and her brothers-in-law, Richard Hartney and Paul Maggio. She is survived by her sister, Joanne Hartney; her sisters-in-law, Genevieve Mogan and Betty O'Connell; her brother-in-law, Brian Green; 12 nieces and nephews whom she dearly loved: Brian Maggio (Courtney), Thomas Maggio (Laura), Tricia McCune (Ryan), Brian Iovino, Tara Tatasciore (Mark), Roseann Stark, Michael Mogan (Tara), Joanne Witzel (Rudi), Kimberly Russo (Vince), Janette Grieb (Kurt), Lisa McCormick (Scott) and Amy Duffy; 26 grandnieces and grandnephews; and many cousins.

In Tish's memory, please donate to a charity of your choice, and please pass on her kindness, empathy, respect, and love for all people. She is at peace, joined with all those who went before her.

Following her wishes, services will be private and in "Jesus" style.