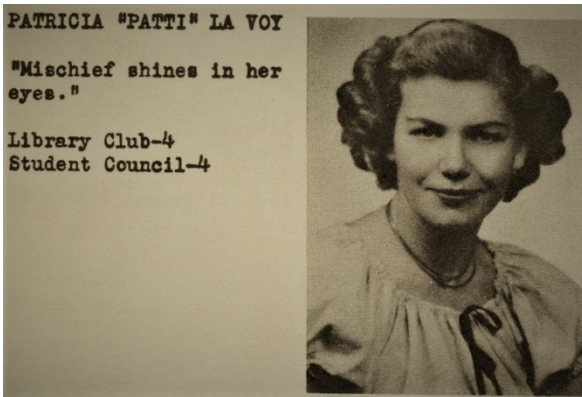


Patricia Joan "Patti" LaVoy, daughter of Isadore Homer "Homer" (1908-1980) and Emma L. (Reed) (1906-1979) LaVoy, was born 29 June 1930, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. Her father was a plumber and worked for many years in the Detroit area. In about 1947 he moved the family to Okemos where they lived at 2343 Hamilton Road.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Thursday 31 March 1949

Mrs. Homer LaVoy, 2343 Hamilton rd., Okemos, is sure spring is here. She has a number of crocuses blooming in her yard.

Patti graduated in 1949 from Okemos High School. Right out of school in 1949 she joined the US Navy (Navy Women's Reserve/WAVES) and served until honorable military discharge in 1953.



1949 Okemos Tomahawk Patti front row right



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Pattie married Bernard Francis Heitjan and the couple had 3 children. Bernard, born 16 December 1920, Wayne County, was a World War II Army veteran, 1942-1946. He was listed as wounded during the war.

*Detroit Free Press,
February 3, 1992*

HEITJAN
BERNARD F. SR. Feb. 2, 1992. Beloved husband of Patricia. Dear father of Bernard Jr., Kathleen Reetz and Mary. Grandfather of Jennifer, Nicholas, Daniel and Richard. Survived by one sister and two brothers. In state at St. Joseph Church, 810 S. Lafayette, South Lyon Wednesday 10:15 until Mass of the Resurrection at 11. Visitation Monday 5-9 and Tuesday 1-9. Rosary Tuesday at 5:30 at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River, Novi (348-1800)

Bernard died 2 February 1992, Oakland County, Michigan. Patti lived for several years at 1707 Hughes Road, Howell, Livingston County, Michigan. She died 7 February 1997, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Bernard and Patti were interred South Lyon Cemetery, South Lyon, Oakland County.

*Livingston County Daily Press and Argus (Howell, Michigan)
Wednesday 12 February 1997*

PATRICIA HEITJAN

Patricia J. Heitjan, 66, of Brighton, formerly of Lyon Township, died Feb. 7 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

She was born June 29, 1930 in Detroit, the daughter of Homer and Emma (Reed) LaVoy. She married Bernard Heitjan and he preceded her in death Feb. 2, 1992.

Mrs. Heitjan was a news carrier for The Detroit News and Free Press for many years. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic church, Brighton, and a former member of St. Joseph catholic Church, South Lon. She served in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathleen Reetz and Mary Heitjan, both of Brighton; one son, Bernard Heitjan of Garden City; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were Feb. 10 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon, the Rev. Howard Vogan officiating. Burial was at the South Lyon Cemetery.