

# Mary “Mary Pat” Patricia Haberle (1947 - 1985)



Mary “Mary Pat” Patricia Haberle was born December 27, 1947 in New York City. Ms. Haberle was the oldest of eight children. After the death of her parents she was essentially responsible for the upbringing of the youngest members of her family.

She attended the Convent of Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Connecticut and earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from Newton College in Boston. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. In May of 1985, she completed her Master of Science degree in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Ms. Haberle worked at Providence Hospital in Anchorage starting in March 1983 in maternity and labor/delivery. She is well remembered in her profession as a patient advocate who was dedicated to better health care for women and infants. She believed in the importance of the individual’s emotional needs as this editorial letter from one of her patients exemplifies:

“In spite of working a double shift that day, she was compassionate and professional far beyond the call of duty. Her special warm and caring ways made a lasting impression for the birth of our daughter.”

In August 1985, she joined the Providence Hospital Maternal Transport Team as a coordinator. The program provides emergency medical care to pregnant women requiring transport to Anchorage medical facilities from remote locations.

On October 22, 1985 she was on a maternity medivac flight to Juneau to transport a high risk mother-to-be to Anchorage for specialized care. The jet never reached Juneau.

She was an avid outdoors enthusiast, whether in Alaska or the southwest desert. Ms. Haberle was an active runner, hiker, cross country skier and volleyball enthusiast. She is survived by her sisters, Rosemarie and Therese M. Haberle.