

**Patricia Ann Gingrich**, (9 Feb 1945 – 12 Sep 2009), Perry County Times, Thursday, September 24, 2009

**Patricia Ann "Pat" Gingrich**, 64, of Newport and formerly of Harrisburg, died Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, at Harrisburg Hospital's Intensive Care Unit, the same unit where she began her nursing career.

She was born Feb. 9, 1945 to the late **Charles "Jim" and Zelda Gingrich**.

She was a world traveler. In 1983 she participated in the American Nurses Association's clinical study abroad to China, touring and sharing medical information with doctors and nurses in city and commune hospitals. On her trips abroad, she visited hospitals. Her travels took her to Asia, Europe, Africa, South and Central America, as well as Hawaii, Alaska and the mainland U.S.

She graduated from Newport High School in 1963, Harrisburg Hospital School of Nursing in 1966, Elizabethtown College (PSD) 1983 and Penn State University. Her nursing career began at Harrisburg State Hospital and continued with Harrisburg Hospital/Pinnacle Health with 30-plus years of service. After working in ICU as a RN, head nurse and nurse manager, she worked in nursing administration and ended her career as a charge nurse in a pediatric unit.

She was a member of the Critical Care Nurse's Association, American Nurses' Association, Harrisburg Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, Elizabethtown College Alumni Association and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newport; and enjoyed reading, crocheting, college football, crafts and an occasional casino visit.

Surviving are a sister, **Nancy Haines** of Newport, and a niece **Amanda Beamer** of Harrisburg.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, **Ella G. Hockenberry** of Newport, and paternal grandparents, **Raymond** and **Margie Gingrich** of Palmyra.

A memorial service was held Sept. 19 in David Myers Funeral Home, Newport, with the Rev. Cheryl Dorman officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Helen O. Krause Animal Foundation, P.O. Box 311, Mechanicsburg 17055, or Newport Ambulance League, 50 S. Third St., Newport 17074.

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