IN MEMORIAM

PAT SMITH

1941 - 1995

Maryland Institute of
Emergency Medical Service Systems

5 November, 1995

MEMORIES OF PAT

Time will not erase our fond memories of Pat!

What started over sixteen years ago as an employment relationship between Pat, her comrades at MIEMSS and the statewide EMS community, quickly became warm and oftentimes cherished friendships.

Pat began her career with MIEMSS in 1979 as a contract Clerk Typist in the Evaluation and Analysis Department. Eager to improve, she interviewed and was hired in 1980 as a Secretary I in the office of Prehospital Education and Training. Pat was encouragement and support for the new employee. Taking them under her wing and "showing them the ropes", she would always say, "You are doing such a good job" and, "Keep up the good work and you will get your reward." For many, that reward was having the privilege of knowing and working with Pat.

Pat consistently improved herself, serving MIEMSS and the EMS community as Secretary I, Secretary II, and Secretary III. Eager to learn and to become more active in EMS, she trained hard and became certified as an Emergency Medical Technician - Ambulance in 1983. As a Paramedic Training Officer responsible for EMT-A reciprocity, Pat assisted hundreds of individuals seeking certification in Maryland.

No person or experience will ever replace the happy days and the love that Pat gave to everyone she met. Loyal, compassionate, kind and considerate, Pat was there to lend a helping hand. She was a true friend.

Pat will live in our hearts forever. She will be missed.

May she rest in peace!

THE SERVICE

THE INTRODUCTION

TWO PSALMS AND A READING

Psalm 121

Psalm 23

Revelation 21:2-7

TIME FOR SHARING

A memorial service is a time for remembering as well as a time for seeking comfort in the face of a difficult loss. This is a time for you to share a memory or a feeling about Pat that has been helpful to you. Your sharing it briefly may be helpful to someone else present!

THE LESSON - Ecclesiastes 3: 1-14

THE MEDITATION

Chaplain Greenawald

THE PRAYERS

Recognizing that we come from very diverse religious backgrounds, we will use for our prayers this morning what is called a "Bidding Prayer". This is a type of prayer in which each of us prays in our own way in a series of brief silent prayers.

The Bidding Prayer is a guided prayer consisting of a series of "bids" or guiding invitations to prayer. Following each bid, there will be a period of silence during which you may pray or meditate according to your own personal faith.

THE BENEDICTION