



Patricia Kennedy Lawford

May 6, 1924 - September 17, 2006

New York, New York

Patricia Kennedy Lawford, sister of President John F. Kennedy and a link between the Kennedy political machine and mid-century Hollywood, died in Manhattan on September 17, 2006. She was eighty-two. Born Patricia Helen Kennedy on May 6, 1924, in Brookline, Massachusetts, she grew up in a family that treated public life as inheritance and duty. She wanted film producing in an era that rarely opened that door to young women; marriage to English actor Peter Lawford in 1954 put her at the edge of Rat Pack glamour and Democratic fundraising alike.

The marriage ended in divorce in 1966. Through assassinations, campaigns, and the long public grief of a famous family, she remained a private figure by Kennedy standards - present at family milestones, protective of children, less hungry for the microphone than some siblings. Manhattan became home in later years; the surname Lawford stayed as a reminder that the Kennedys' American story also ran through movie studios and British stages.

Friends recalled loyalty and a preference for work behind the camera's glare. In a dynasty measured by votes and eulogies, her quieter labor still mattered to the household that produced presidents and attorneys general.

She died in New York on September 17, 2006. History files her under family more than under office, yet the family's power was never only the brothers' votes.

Patricia's place is the connective tissue of a dynasty - Hollywood, Washington, and a sister's quieter labor. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so September 17 remembers the Kennedy daughter who bridged politics and

film.

Services

Died in Manhattan, New York, September 17, 2006. Sister of President John F. Kennedy; formerly married to actor Peter Lawford; American socialite and arts supporter.

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