

# Marjorie (Pat) Gray

Pat was born in Manchester in 1920 & her early life was lived in Barnet, Herts. She married Bernard when she was 18 and they had two sons, Paul and Donald.

During the war she trained as a milliner but due to the bombing she got involved with building repair work. During the 1960's the family moved to Maidstone to live on a houseboat where they stayed happily for 10 years.

They moved to East Anglia in the 70's, first to the Isle of Ely, then on to another boat in Woodbridge, then to Playford and finally to Grundisburgh.

Pat had been interested in painting all her life, and it was in Woodbridge that she really started taking it seriously. She often exhibited locally and took many commissions, painting wonderful portraits of people and of their pets. It was in the early 90's that she was invited to show several paintings at a London exhibition, which she felt was the highlight of her career.

Pat's last home was in sheltered housing in Ipswich where she settled well and found new friends.

Sadly during 2007 she fell victim to Alzheimers but she continued to paint for most of her time there.

Pat died on January 24th after a short illness. She is fondly remembered in Grundisburgh where she made many friends and was very happy.

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