



Patricia Ledford

Sept. 14, 1973 - Dec. 23, 2025

Patricia Ledford, former Director of Emergency Communications had a passion for life and the works she directed. While battling cancer, she had a personal goal to create a functional Chester County Dispatch - 911 Center. She worked tirelessly to help design the center and equip it with the latest IT technology. Her wish was to take care of "her girls" who worked as a team and were family to her. She was a recipient of the "Clara Hitson Award" in recognition of her outstanding service to public safety and dedication to the Communications Center Agency. She has worked on Communication Agency legislation and has contributed to several agency boards. Assistant Chief of Police Tim Crowe describes Ledford saying, "she cares about her community". Sheriff Mark Griffin attributes Ledford's success to the fact that "she was always surrounded by the love and support of her husband and daughter and that's how everything she accomplished was possible."

Patricia passed away at her home in Henderson just after midnight December 23, 2025 at the age of 52.

Patricia McCurry Ledford was born September 14, 1973, in Chapel Hill, NC, the daughter of the late Llovd and Fave Elizabeth Franklin McCurrv. Her familv later

daughter of the late Elyssa and Elyse Henderson. Patricia Henderson moved to Morganton where she graduated from Freedom High School. She married Robert Martin Ledford of Morganton, in 2000. They moved to Chester County in 2003. She had also served as Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce as well as Events Director from 2006 to 2012.

Patricia is survived by her husband Robert of Henderson and daughter Elyssa Makenzie Helton and husband Jackson of Henderson.

In honor of Patricia's life, there will be a visitation with family and friends at Shackelford Funeral Directors Crook Avenue in Henderson from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday, December 27, 2025.

Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday December 30, 2025, at Sossoman Funeral Home in Morganton, NC. Burial will follow at Burke Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM service time at Sossoman Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



My husband(Don) and I had Patricia in our MYF (Methodist youth fellowship) group at St. Matthews United Methodist Church in Morganton NC when she was a teenager. She was such a lovely person .I think about all the kids we had in our group and what a blessing they were to us. I am sorry for your loss .Praying for your family .

—Alma Davis