

Statement from County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro

on the passing of former Dutchess County Executive Lucille P. Pattison

"Lucille Pattison was a devoted public servant who served the residents of Dutchess County with grace and dignity in the County Legislature and in the Executive Office. As the first female County Executive in New York State, she restored decency to the Office of the Dutchess County Executive and led our county during a difficult period. She was a trailblazer in our community and stood as a wonderful role model for so many.

I had the pleasure of getting to know Lucille following her time in public office as she continued her service to Dutchess County through her work with so many community organizations. She was always gracious and responsive in providing advice and counsel as I began my public service.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lucille's husband Ross, her children and grandchildren as well as her extended family and friends.

Dutchess County is a better place because of Lucille Pattison. She has left a legacy of service that we should aspire to emulate, build upon and remember in her honor."

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Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro has directed all Dutchess County Government facility flags to be lowered to half mast to honor former County Executive Lucille Pattison. Flags will remain at half mast until Mrs. Pattison's interment.