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Frances 'Pat' Koonz Lee Army Nurse Corps veteran and colonel in Army Reserve, former director of nursing at Overlook Medical Center Frances "Pat" Koonz Lee, of Summit, N.J., passed away on Monday, Aug. 29, 2016. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016, at 11 a.m. at St. James the Apostle Church, 45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, N.J. Interment will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover, N.J. There will be a visitation at the church on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the start of the Mass. Born in Hackettstown, N.J., Frances was raised in Springfield, where she lived until joining the U. S. Army Nurse Corps in September of 1954. Pat served during the Korean War. She retired from the Army Reserve in 1990 as a colonel. Pat was the director of nursing at Overlook Medical Center in Summit. She was also executive director of the American Lung Association in New York City before becoming a professor at the University of Maryland College of Nursing. Pat was active with the Republican Women's Club of Newtown Square, Pa. An avid reader, she was a lover and supporter of the arts, particularly the opera. An unbelievable aunt, Pat was a second mother to her nieces and nephews, sharing with them her passion for life, books, and learning. She was predeceased by her husband, Otto C. Lee; sister, Rosemarie Koonz Maul and brother, Murry Koonz. Pat is survived by her brother, William F. Koonz and his wife, Marlene; several nieces, nephews and their families; and stepsons, Ted and Terry Lee. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to a veterans' organization of your choice. Arrangements are being handled by Bradley Smith & Smith Funeral Home, Springfield. For more information or to send condolences to the family, visit bradleyfuneralhomes.com.

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