Final farewell to ‘Miss Pat’

THE funeral of Coventry dance teacher Betty Pattison has been arranged for next week.

A ceremony will take place at St Michael’s Church, Walsgrave Road, Stoke next Friday – not far from Pattison College, the school she founded 61 years ago.

The event at the church will give friends, family and former pupils a chance to say their final goodbyes to the woman known affectionately as “Miss Pat”.

Her daughter Elizabeth McConnell, who has taught at the school since 1982 and was appointed head teacher in 2003, said: “The response has been extraordinary. We want the event to be a joyous occasion to celebrate everything she did.”

Miss Pat is credited with launching the careers of a galaxy of stars, including Spooks and Robin Hood actor Richard Armitage and Kerys Nathan, Michael Jackson’s choreographer.

It has been requested that only family bring flowers to the ceremony that begins at 12.30pm. Any donations should go to the Alzheimer’s Society.

CELEBRATION:
Betty Pattison