



Patricia Jimerson Bell

November 19, 1932 - August 14, 2023

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Longtime Eden Prairie resident Pat Bell, 91, died August 14, 2023.

Pat was born in Oklahoma but became a proud Minnesotan after moving to Eden Prairie in 1967. Teaching high school English was her first career, and she always considered the New Year began in September, not January. When time for a new career came, she became an early adopter in the self-publishing world, writing and publishing several books of her own and teaching others to do the same. During that time, she was active in the Minnesota Independent Publishers Association.

Family genealogy was a lifelong interest, and she was quite proud of her work to trace the family back to the 1790's, when the last members came from Europe.

She was preceded in death by Don, her husband of 60 years. Surviving are her children Lynne (Richard Hendricks), Jean Jarvis, Dave (Debra Raymer) and Amanda as well as grandchildren Lauren, Claire, Brenna, Ryan and Sydney

A celebration of life will be held at a future date. Memorials may be directed to The PROP Shop in Eden Prairie, where Pat volunteered for many years.

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“ To Pat’s children, I just found out today that your mom had died. I had breakfast with Celeste Beckmann who told me and mentioned that your mom was one of your favorite teachers. I have several images of your mom in my head, but one that has always stood out was this one. Your mom and I and really most of your female teacher started teaching in the era of women having to wear dresses to school. It was the middle of the winter and really really cold and pants suits had just come out. Your mom announced that she was going to wear one the next day. Of course we were all eager to see what would happen and she was older than many of us, and we thought braver, so we figured she could get away with it....maybe. I remember walking down the hall away from the main office towards where the faculty lounge was. I don’t know if you remember that hallway or not. It was down where the business classes were taught. There she was walking towards me in her pale green pantsuit. She mentioned something about Curt Connaughty having seen her and he didn’t say anything. I think the next day probably most of the female staff were wearing pants suits to school that day!!! As students you probably didn’t even notice it but trust me the teachers did! She was brave and I admired her for that and also funny. I always remember how proud she was of each of you all for different reasons. I lost touch with her after we both retired, but I’m sure she lived an interesting life after EPHS. I just wanted you to know that she had an impact on others. 🌸🌸🌸

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