



## Patricia Suzanne Christensen

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Jesus came to take Pat home at age 85. Pat lived a full life and loved her family. She was a Warrior and a Fighter! She survived cancer twice! She was looking forward to the day when she would meet Jesus, her Lord and Savior. On Thursday, December 15, 2022, after shoveling some snow, Pat slipped on some water, fell and hit her head and suffered a brain injury. After a few days in ICU and then the trauma care unit in the hospital, Pat was doing well so they released her to go home on Monday, December 19, 2022. It appeared she was getting better every day. On Friday, December 23, 2022, Jesus called her home.

Waiting for Pat in Heaven are:

- Daughters Cindy and Wendy Christensen
- Ex-husband, Larry "Jens", who she was married to for over 25 years
- Son Jens' fiancé Jodi Taylor

Left to carry on her Legacy are:

- Sons Jens and Scot Christensen
- Daughter Vicky and Brad Nelson
- Daughter Wendy's fiancé, Tony Farmer Sr.

Grandchildren:

- Kiesha and Todd Gilbert
- Aimee and Jered Spieker
- Tyler and Amber Clough
- Charron and Jeff Drew
- Kaela Farmer
- Tony Farmer Jr.
- Xander Nelson
- Zoe Nelson

Great-grandchildren:

- Ty Gilbert
- Toby Gilbert
- Lucy Gilbert
- Emma Spieker
- Leni Gilbert
- Kae'Lani Drew
- Koen Spieker
- Hugh Spieker

A Celebration of Pat's life will be held Thursday, January 12, 2023

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

7217 W. Broadway Ave.

Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

Officiating will be Lead Pastor, Chad Brekke. The Celebration with Pat's family will begin at 10am. The service will be at 11am. You are invited to join the family for lunch following the service. Come support them and share your favorite memories of Pat.

Patricia Suzanne Christensen (Kramer), born November 12, 1937 to Paul and Lillian Kramer, in Gibbon, MN. Pat attended Immanuel Lutheran School through 8th grade and then graduated from Gibbon High School. Pat has 8 siblings. They lived on a farm in Gibbon.

Siblings:

Brother Eugene (deceased) and Rita Kramer

Brother David Kramer (deceased)

Sister Pola and Ron Vorwek

Sister Barbara and LeRoy (deceased) Hulke

Brother Douglas "Duke" (deceased) and Marie Kramer

Brother Paul Jr. (deceased) and Diana (deceased) Kramer

Brother Kay and Judy Kramer

Sister Sharon and Don (deceased) Christensen

After high school Pat moved to the Twin Cities where she met her husband, Larry "Jens" Christensen, and they had 5 children.

Pat worked at many places before she started working at Kaplan Brothers clothing store. She worked there for several years and then later became a co-owner of Kaplans for over 25 years. She enjoyed working in the garden and spending time with her family.

Pat loved Christmas!!! She took gift wrapping to a whole new level! In 2005, Pat started a tradition where she picked a Christmas theme and then decorated all the gifts for each of her over 20 family members following that theme. It was Amazing how detailed everything was!

Every year Pat would say this is her last year doing the Christmas themes... and then, she would say, "I don't know, I'll probably come up with something.

There are a few ideas floating in my head already." Throughout the year when the family was over to her home, she would say, "would you like to see what I'm working on for this Christmas?" Pat had so much Fun! Her Christmas creations occupied a lot of her time.

Check out this Kare 11 Featured News Story about Pat!

<https://www.kare11.com/article/news/brooklyn-park-woman-takes-gift-wrapping-to-new-level/89-501566134>

- Her themes included Santa's zoo parade, presents decorated as penguins, she wrote a nursery rhyme that she put on each present, and many more!
- In 2012, the presents were in the shape of a Nativity scene all wrapped in tin foil.
- Of course, in Minnesota we have snow. One year the presents were snowmen. Some were ice skating, some downhill skiing, and some were even having a snowball fight!
- Back in 2008, the gifts represented a small town. There was a Red Owl grocery store, a dry cleaner, a saloon, and even a McDonalds drive through.
- Pat got pictures of everyone's house and that year she made the presents for each family in the shape of their houses.
- In 2016, the theme was Santa Clause grocery shopping. There was Santa with a shopping cart full of groceries and shelves stocked full of food boxes and containers with presents inside of them.
- She had such a huge imagination! In 2017 the theme was a North Pole Carnival with a little Minnesota State Fair flavor. Included was Sweet Martha's cookies, corn on the cob, roller coaster, merry-go-around, and foot-long hot dogs. We loved it so much we wanted to share Pat's creative talent with everyone and called Kare 11 TV station and asked if they were interested in doing a featured story and they did.
- And finally, one of the favorites of all time, everyone's present was made out of Money. There was a money airplane, a fishing pole, Christmas tree, and

many more.

- Well... this year was Pat's last Christmas. The family celebrated at Pat's house. The theme was Santa's tree farm. There was a Santa with a saw and axe, and everyone had to cut down their individual Christmas tree.

The family imagines that in about February of this year Pat will start planning for next year's Christmas theme in Heaven. 😊

Pat was a Huge Minnesota Vikings fan! We can hear her cheering loudly from Heaven... Go Vikings!!!

In remembrance of Pat, the family is all going to wear Vikings gear, either with the Vikings logo or with the colors purple, yellow or white. The family invites you, if you want, to come wearing Vikings gear or Vikings colors as well.

Pat loved cooking and trying out new recipes and sweets. After the service we will be serving lunch. In honor of Pat, if you wouldn't mind, we would love it if you brought some of your favorite bars or cookies to share.

Thank You for playing a special part in Pat's life!

Pat is going to be missed!

We will never forget her!

Pat, We Will All Love You Forever and Always!!!

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Patricia Suzanne Christensen.



January 11, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Patricia Suzanne Christensen.



January 10, 2023 at 12:46 AM



“ *Missing my second mom, my person I went to, the answerer of all the family info/stories, one of my people who set me straight (more days then not, even if “that one stung today”, it resonated), the one who never ever forgot my birthday (even at my age...and hers), the one who reminded me how simple life used to be and made me appreciate how I’m glad I’m in my prime now not then. The woman who kept Christmas alive once I moved out. And the lady that kept me living in Brooklyn Park all these years and years. Missing you more and more every single day. Now how will I get all the answers? I will smile daily thinking of you, your antics, your strength and your love for life and living to its fullest. Thank you for committing to raising fantastic human beings and making it not only the goal but the only mission. I hope you are proud of us...and yourself.*

**Kiesha Gilbert** - January 09, 2023 at 11:20 AM

VC

*Gin Carter and the family of Virginia (Ginny) Carter remember Pat fondly for her loving and supportive appreciation of Vicki's work with Primerica and her friendship with Ginny Carter. Our hearts are with you all as you celebrate the life of your wonderful matriarch and her generous legacy of family and community. We are limited in our ability to travel at this time but distance doesn't dim our heartfelt sympathy and enthusiasm for your great celebration. Gin Carter and John Zoranovich, Milner Carter, Ginny Morgan, Annie and Tim Roth, Sarah and Matt Welch.*

Virginia Carter - January 10, 2023 at 07:54 AM

CO

*“ Southie, Jens and Vicky, Your Mom was an extraordinary woman and your family has all the love and strength she gave to you and left with you. Your tribute to her is beautiful. I'm already looking through the Lutheran High cookbook for a favorite Christensen recipe to share with you. I am very sorry for your loss. Rest In Peace Mama South. Love, Cathy Oberg*

Cathryn Oberg - January 08, 2023 at 11:28 AM



*“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia Suzanne Christensen.*



January 07, 2023 at 11:29 PM

KW

*“ Kathleen White lit a candle in memory of Patricia Suzanne Christensen*



Kathleen White - January 07, 2023 at 07:49 PM