



Patricia Lee Francis

May 24, 1940 - September 21, 2021

Patricia "Pat" Francis passed away on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at her home in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, on May 24, 1940, Pat moved to Minneapolis with her family when she was a teenager. She began a nursing program at St. Mary's Hospital but paused her studies to get married and start a family in Bloomington-at the time, St. Mary's did not allow married women as students. After raising her five children, she resumed studies at Normandale College, where she earned an Associate Degree in Nursing (RN). She proudly worked in a senior care center for the entirety of her career providing compassionate care to her residents.

Pat was devoted to her faith and active in her community. She attended Nativity of Mary Catholic Church in Bloomington, where she was a member, and often volunteered. She was a Girl Scout leader for many years and an avid supporter of theater and music in Bloomington. She stitched and stamped with friends. An avid reader and lifelong learner, she immediately enjoyed a reading group in her retirement community after moving there.

Following her values of love of family and service to community, Pat was a counselor, confidante, and cheerleader to all five of her children, her sixteen grandchildren, and delighted in following the development of her five great

grandchildren.

One of the ways Pat expressed love was by making gifts. She was a skilled baker known for, among other things, the extraordinary variety of Christmas cookies she prepared each year. Her loved ones fondly remember the beautiful handmade cards she sent out on all occasions.

Pat was preceded in death by her former husband, Charles Francis; parents, Franklin and Mary Jane Hamilton; brothers John and Dick Hamilton; and brother-in-law Donald Ryan. She is survived by her siblings, Nancy Ryan, Jeff (Lois) Hamilton, and Janelle (Russell) Johnson; her sister-in-laws Carol Hamilton and Karen Hamilton; her children Cathy (John) McCarthy, Beth (Darryl) Schorle, Anne (Ken) Kuznia, Debbie (Steve) Larson, and Larry (Jenny) Francis; and her 16 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Mass will be held on October 15, 2021 11AM, at Nativity of Mary Catholic Church, 9900 Lyndale Ave South, Bloomington, MN 55420 with visitation one hour prior. Interment at 2:30pm, Dawn Valley Memorial Park.

Livestream link for the service: <https://youtu.be/-VgUgObcR8k>

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Bloomington Fine Arts Council or Nativity of Mary Catholic Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nativity of Mary Catholic Church
9900 Lyndale Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55420

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Nativity of Mary Catholic Church
9900 Lyndale Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55420

Graveside Service

OCT 15. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee Francis.*



October 12, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ *got to know Pat better by rooming with her in Destin. She was a great lady. I will miss her very much.*

carol hamilton - October 05, 2021 at 08:19 PM



Pat was the best friend a person could have. I have known Pat for about 46 years. I have so many good memories. Pat seemed like a sister to me. She was always ready to go have fun, go out for dinner, or a fun vacation. My heart goes out the the family. . I will miss her very much.

Kathy Proff

Kathryn M Proff - October 11, 2021 at 06:11 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Pat. Her passing leaves a large hole in a lot of our lives because of her kind nature and the ways she shared that with all of us. She was a proud mom (grandmother, and great-grandmother), an excellent cook, a creative stamping card maker, a lover of stitching and hardanger, and a terrific friend with an easy and cheerful smile, willing to spend time being that friend - whether to join you for a meal, go for a road trip, or just talk when we needed it. We may no longer get to see her smiling face, or hear her laughter, but she's not left us with simply an ache in our hearts. She's left us with many reminders of how we were special in her life too. Some of us have a recipe or three, some have gifts she has lovingly crafted with time and patience, and all of us have fond memories of how she touched our lives and made them better, of times shared in joy and sorrow, laughter and tears. She will be deeply missed, but not forgotten, and though it may seem hard to do in our time of sorrow and grief, we should rejoice in the knowledge that she lived a full and beautiful life, and we were a part of it.*

*In loving memory,
Cynthia Wood*



Cynthia W - September 30, 2021 at 03:47 PM