



Patricia Ann Kipka

July 18, 1950 - August 8, 2017

(nee Kunz) Age 67 of Shoreview. Cherished and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Pat went peacefully and with grace on August 8, 2017 surrounded by her loving family. Pat is preceded in death by her parents George and Mary Kunz, sister-in-law Jane Kunz and life-long friend Jane Anderson. Pat is survived by her beloved husband Michael of nearly 45 years; her adoring children, Lisa (Matthew) Ganyaw, John (Natalie), and Mary (Patrick) Ganyaw; 9 precious treasures, her grandchildren Morgan, Samuel, Ellen, Lucas, Katelyn, Mitchell, Nathan, Cameron and Zachary who loved and adored her to the moon and back; siblings, Kathleen (Doug) Schwartz, George Kunz, and James (Beth) Kunz as well as nieces, cousins, adoring godfather John Connelly and countless friends. Pat grew up in St. Paul attending Holy Childhood grade school, St. Agnes high school and went on to attend Anoka Ramsey Nursing school. Her desire and willingness to help others led her to a proud and dedicated 43 year career in nursing at United Hospital in St. Paul. Pat knew how to dispense comfort, compassion, and caring without even a prescription. Pat takes enormous pride in her family and is often found enthusiastically supporting any and all of their activities and accomplishments. Among her many passions in life, traveling is one of them, most recently taking her family on a dream vacation to Florida. Proud of her Irish heritage Pat traveled to Ireland on different occasions with friends and family and marched in countless St. Patrick's Day parades here in St. Paul. Pat's love of the outdoors led her on many hikes, especially her beloved North

Shore trails, beach vacations and a special gift for gardening, putting together her exceptional spring and holiday pots for family and friends every year. Among her many gifts is her ability to make people laugh. People are drawn to her unique sense of humor and her ability to make you feel like you were the only person in the room. Pat truly is a gem, a one-of-a-kind who touched so many lives with her love, her compassion, her legendary sense of humor, her friendliness, and her charisma and love for life. Her legacy will continue in her children and grandchildren who are so blessed and honored to call her Mom and Grandma In our hearts forever, we love you always. The hills are definitely alive with the sound of Pat's music ... We wish to thank The Mayo Clinic and Allina Hospice for their attentive, genuine care and concern given to Pat and her family. If you wish, memorials can be made to the Small Cell Cervical/Large Cell Cervical Cancer Research Fund at: Jennifer Gaines Dolman, CFRE Director The University of Texas MD Cancer Center Unit 705, PO Box 301439 Houston, TX 77230 Checks should specify 'SCCC/LCCC Research Fund' Visitation 4-8PM Thursday, August 17 at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL, 515 Hwy 96 W., Shoreview. Mass of Christian Burial 10:30AM (visitation begins at 9:30AM) Friday, August 18 at ST ODILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, 3495 N. Victoria, Shoreview. Interment Fort Snelling.

Tribute Wall

AP

“ My prayers go out 2 you and the entire family. My mum is breast cancer survivor by the grace of God! Hugs 2 your family from our family! Pat was like a 2nd mom 2 me as they use 2 live in what seemed like the backyard, & Even when they moved-same neighborhood , different block! Luv always, A.Peake

Anne Peake - October 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Pat was a wonderful person inside and out! She will be missed greatly! I'm praying for you all during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss. Always, Sara

Sara Luther - August 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Pat. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I worked with Pat for only a few years, but she was one of a kind. Her kindness and humor cannot be forgotten. She was truly a blessing to all of her patients and coworkers. All my love and prayers

Michelle Stevens - August 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I met Pat in 1992 when as a new grad nurse I began working with her on the post surgical unit at United. I always remember her being so funny! I don't ever remember her crabby or complaining. She taught me so much as a new nurse and I will always remember fondly her humor, compassion and genuine caring for her patients and coworkers. To her family, I am so sorry for you tremendous loss.

Sheila Grammond - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *Very sad news. I worked with Pat on 4500 Med/Surg and she was always kind, funny and a caring soul. God Bless*

Ann Lucas - August 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *Pat was the best to work with at United and a wonderful person! Part of the reason why I worked in preop. Prayers to all her family.*

Becky - August 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Heaven must be rejoicing at Pat's homecoming. What an awesome life (although too short) and amazing family. Prayers for comfort and rest for your family.*

Kim & Steve Peterson - August 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *So sorry for your loss, my prayers and thoughts are with your family God Bless*

Dottie Miller - August 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Love you like a siater forever! You have your wings, fly high!*

Shirley Shogren - August 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Truly enjoyed working with Pat. She was always pleasant, professional and interested in how the operating room cares impacted her patient. She's a class act!*

Sue Caliguire - August 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May the family find comfort like I have in knowing that God will soon end all tears and pain. He also promises that we will see our loved ones again by means of a resurrection (Revelation 21:4, John 5:28,29). What a wonderful time it will be to welcome back Patricia and many others that we miss dearly! My condolences during this sad and difficult time.

Tj - August 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ May God rest your mother's soul God bless Larry

Larry Berry - August 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM