



Patricia Josephine Rodkewich

March 18, 1934 - January 15, 2021

Patricia Josephine (McCarty) Rodkewich, age 86 of Arden Hills, Minnesota passed away peacefully on January 15, 2021. "Patty Jo", the daughter of Vetus C. and Agnes Cajacob McCarty, was born on the family farm on March 18, 1934 in Sheldon, Iowa. Following her graduation from Sheldon High School in 1952 she attend The College of Saint Benedict in Saint Joseph MN and received a BA in Music in 1957. Patricia, was a soprano soloist for three years during college and was known for her Italian sounding operatic voice. She sang two difficult roles in well-known operas --the leading role of Annina in the Saint of Bleecker Street, and the role of Marguerite in Faust while attending school. After graduating from college, she taught music in Ellendale, Minnesota for one year before getting her Associates degree in Library Science from the College of Saint Catherine's in St. Paul, Minnesota. Patricia worked as a Reference Librarian at the University of Minnesota for almost 42 years, retiring as an Associate Professor. While working at the University of Minnesota, Patricia and a co-worker established AgEcon Search, a subject repository developed and maintained by the University of Minnesota and receiving the Oberly Award in 2007. Today the site receives 15,000 visitors a day from over 170 countries. Patricia enjoyed spending time with family especially caring for her grandchildren, singing in the church choir, playing bridge, and volunteering at a local library and St. Vincent de Paul, helping those in need. She was an active member at St John's the Baptist Catholic Church.

Patricia was preceded in death by her loving husband, John Joseph Rodkewich Jr.; brothers Francis "Frank" McCarty (Regina), John David "Dave" McCarty (Rita), William "Bill" McCarty, Robert "Bob" McCarty, Thomas "Tom" McCarty, Charles "Chuck" McCarty; and sisters Elizabeth "Betty" Youngers (Robert), Rita Jean "Jean" Abels (Robert).

Patricia will be deeply missed by her daughter, Jane Rodkewich Johnson (Gunnar) Reece, Trotter and Brooks; and son, David Rodkewich (Tessie) Kayli, Caden, Teagan and Tatum; step-daughter, Jacqueline "Jacque" Rodkewich; sister, Margaret "Peggy" Naughton (Robert); and sisters-in-law, Carol McCarty (William), Theresa Pape McCarty (Thomas), Theresa Penning McCarty (Charles), Mary Jane "Min" Geisert, Elizabeth "Betty" Rodkewich, Sharon "Sue" Rodkewich; and brother-in-law, Mike Rodkewich (Karen). Along with 62 nieces and nephews.

Funeral will be held at 11:00 AM, Friday, January 22, 2021 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton (visitation 10:00 – 11:00 AM). Interment at St. John the Baptist Cemetery. Burial to follow.

Donations in her memory to Alzheimer's Association, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Minneapolis, or AgEcon Search.

Service can be live streamed at;

<https://youtu.be/uIIAdJ3VhZs>

Or

<https://m.facebook.com/SJBNewBrighton/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
835 2nd Avenue NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pat was a much loved and respected colleague at the University of Minnesota Libraries. She was a natural leader, with strong support for her colleagues as well as a good friend. She provided clear thinking, practical wisdom, and priceless continuity through many cultural and administrative changes experienced during our professional years together. She made better librarians, and better people, of us all. I cannot thank her enough for being one of the sweetest, most capable persons it has been my joy to know. Lalee Kerr

Loralee Kerr - January 30, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia Josephine Rodkewich.



January 21, 2021 at 02:37 PM

NH

“Pat was an amazing woman whose kindness, professionalism and ideas made her one of the rare stars in the University Libraries. It was her initiative and inspiration that led to the development of the now international AgEcon which "began in 1995 as an experiment to see if it were possible to use the internet to archive, index and deliver on demand, full text working papers produced by university agricultural economics departments." These are key research reports for the furtherance of research and development. She began this in "1995 as an experiment to see if it were possible to use the internet to archive, index and deliver on demand, full text working papers produced by university agricultural economics departments." In these early years, Pat worked with Louise Letnes in managing AgEcon Search and continued until she retired in 2001. This inspiration has created a global powerhouse of information freely available across the globe and has won many accolades and awards. Just imagine how important this has been and will continue to be in helping improve our world! Talk about making a difference in our world!

However, this amazing achievement is only a small part of Pat's achievement at the UMN Libraries. Pat truly was what another tribute writer called her "gentle ways, her faith and her calm countenance" and this will linger in my thoughts of her always. Pat had beautiful eyes and a smile that was contagious. I knew her during her later years in the profession and her commitment, work ethic and genuine dedication to her field, her users and the academic fields that she covered were inspiring.

Additionally, Pat's not only inspired global information systems, all the while working daily to serve each library user, working with her colleagues, yet still having time for volunteering and spending time with her beloved family and friends.

Rest in peace, Pat, knowing you helped change our world for the good! We can only hope your work and vision can help to inspire the next generation!

Nancy Herther - January 21, 2021 at 12:01 AM

CP

“ I was fortunate to meet and know Pat through our membership in a women's bridge club, of some almost forty years duration, wherein we all experienced together the Joy's of our lives--seeing our kids grow into adulthood, celebrating their marriages, and rejoicing in our grand children. But also getting and giving support to one another in times of troubles and sorrows--health issues, divorces and deaths, Pat being the third loss in the group. Our sons were in the same graduating class at Moundsvie High School; Pat and I served together on the planning committee for the senior "All Night" party. My daughter was once her roommate in Jane's condo in Uptown. Pat's gentle ways, her faith and her "calm countenance" will linger in my thoughts of her always. Also her fantastic caramels. The Bridge Club could not wait until Christmas time each year when we all got our own bagful! In Christ together. Cleo Peterson

Cleo R Peterson - January 20, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Patricia Josephine Rodkewich.



January 20, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Patricia Rodkewich



Tessie Rodkewich - January 20, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Patricia Josephine Rodkewich.



January 20, 2021 at 11:18 AM