



Patricia Carolyn Shrewsbury

July 28, 1920 - October 7, 2020

Patricia Carolyn (nee Alden) Shrewsbury

Age 100 of Shoreview, MN, was surrounded by the love of family as she drew her final breath on October 7, 2020 in the comfort of her apartment in Shoreview, Minnesota.

Pat was born in Clinton, Massachusetts on July 28, 1920 to Paul and Mary (Jordan) Alden. A graduate of the University of Illinois/Champaign, she then attended Andover Newton Seminary where she met her future husband, Rankin Shrewsbury. They were married in 1944 and she spent her life as a mother, a devoted pastor's wife, a community volunteer, and a member of The Order of the Eastern Star. She loved singing and directed several church choirs, including her most recent group of choristers at Scandia Shores in Shoreview. Born in the year when women were granted the right to vote, she proudly submitted her ballot for the 2020 election. Her 100 years were filled with many joys and sorrows. She displayed resilience until her last breath when she could finally be free from the pain she experienced from a recent fall.

Patricia is preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Rankin Shrewsbury; her parents, Paul and Mary Alden; and sisters, Alice and Mary. Survived by son, Douglas (Mary Paul Slettehaugh); daughters, Joan (Bruce) Schubert, Ann (Leo) Dwyer and Helen (Randy) Edinger; grandchildren, Sara Shrewsbury (Brian Lee), Catherine Shrewsbury (Kevin Willey), Paul Shrewsbury (Bre Zarnbinski), Carolyn Shrewsbury, Patricia Schubert (Jason Dooley), Paul

Schubert, Erin Dwyer, Jacob (Ashley) Dwyer, Carrie (Sam) Arnold, and Alex (Grace) Edinger; great-grandchildren, Katelyn and Alexander Dwyer, Chance Dooley and Brady Arnold; as well as her beloved cat, Shoesy.

Due to COVID-19, a small celebration of her life will be planned for a later date. Her ashes will be placed in the chapel's columbarium at the Congregational Church (UCC) of Faribault.

Memorials are preferred to the music program at Parkview United Church of Christ, 3737 Bellaire Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

Tribute Wall

PR

“ I have fine memories of Aunt Pat and Uncle Rankin's summer visits to our house in Phelps, NY. As a child I knew nothing of her impressive passion for voting, but loved her sense of family and was most taken by the fact that she was sister to my mother - as a young child with sisters of my own, I enjoyed the good example of the long and loving relationship that Aunt Pat and my mother exemplified. I still miss those visits, and especially, those toys that cousin Douglas brought along.

Love to all,
Paul

Paul Robinson - November 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ So many wonderful memories of Pat in choir and church life. Her musical knowledge always kept the choir on our toes and she brought out the best in us. What a wonderful life to be 100 years young! Blessings to all of the family.

Jim and Linda Currier - October 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

OL

“ Sending our heartfelt sympathy to you.
We so enjoyed both your parents.
It is a special memory of ours being in Pat's choir. So many fun times as well as learning some great music she would direct.
Know you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Ollie and Diane Larson

Ollie and Diane Larson - October 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I will miss you Aunt Pat. I know you are in good company with all the other great people that gone home. Much love until we meet again.

Ken & Melodie Potter - October 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Reverend Shrewsbury was the officiate for our marriage in 1972. We were so honored to have known both Reverend and Mrs. Shrewsbury.



Steven Cohen - October 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ What a beautiful obituary that touches on the life of this woman of 100 years and an honor to witness the resilience and sheer strength of Pat. She was a true lover of music, reading, family and her cat. We can all learn from her example. I'm so sorry for the pain that Helen and family has to go through as they say goodbye. The love between them all was always present.

Kate and Brian Sanderson - October 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ I have happy memories of visits with aunt Pat at different stages of life. I wish we could have seen her more often. I always admired her handwriting and daughter's love when I read her letters aloud to her mom/my grandmother, Mary Alden. Sending love and sympathy to her children, my cousins and their children and their children's children!

Robin Pulver - October 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Doug & family, How amazing to have had your mother for so long. 100 is quite the milestone. I am sure this is a sad time but one with many memories that will always be with you. You are very lucky to have shared such a long time together.
Love, M.R.

Mary Rose Ciatti - October 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Patricia was my grandmother. There's so many things that I will remember about her. She could do the hardest crossword puzzles in minutes and she did them in ink. She had also knitted. There's many babies and now adults who have my grandma to thank for the most beautiful baby blankets. I know mine is just breathtaking. She also was an avid reader, she even learned how to book. Also a computer.
She means so much to me. Who am I going to bring chocolate to?
She has a good soul. I already miss her

Erin Dwyer - October 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ So sorry for your loss, Doug and for your entire family. I am sure you are celebrating her life and accomplishments now and that will carry you through until such time as they can be celebrated with others.
Be well, my friend.

Craig Peters - October 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Farewell, beloved lady, as you join our great cloud of witnesses in the choir on High.

"And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on... I'll sing and joyful be through all eternity."

*Much love and fond memories,
Marny Elise*

Marny Elise Potter Pritchard - October 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ My love and prayers to the Edinger and Parkview UCC family. Pat was always a wealth of wisdom and encouragement as I was serving my first call as Associate Minister. She was always a joy to spend time with and hear fun stories of her grand kids and daughter. She was most happy when she was singing hymns in the choir.

Rev. Laurie Crelly - October 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Doug, Joan, Ann, Helen and families...I am so sorry for your loss. It's so hard to lose your mother no matter how old they are. Your mom was truly blessed with a long life. 100 years old! That is remarkable and truly a blessing. I have fond memories of our childhood when you all lived on Rockton. We still make your mom's wonderful Chicken Spaghetti hot dish that she made when we visited you after you moved to Chicago. My family loves it! God bless and comfort you all in your loss.

Bonnie Pfaff - October 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM