



## Patricia Louise Spraitz

March 15, 1932 - April 2, 2020

Patricia Louise Spraitz, Age 88, formerly of North Oaks, passed away peacefully on April 2, 2020.

Pat was born on March 15, 1932 in Eveleth. She grew up on the Iron Range and graduated from Virginia's Roosevelt High School in 1950. Pat received her B.S. with Honors from the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in 1955 and went on to work at the University Hospitals, Minneapolis Public Schools and Mayo Clinic. Pat married her husband of 62 years, Tony, on September 15, 1956.

All who met Pat know she was one in a million. Small in stature, but large in life. She had boundless energy and a heart of gold. There were no strangers in Pat's world, only potential friends. She cared for many during her lifetime and welcomed all with her loyalty, kindness, bountiful table and winning smile. Pat was above all a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother.

Pat did not need COVID19 to remind her how to live. It came to her naturally. Always help others. Love thy neighbor. And never forget to thank everyday heroes.

Preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Anton F. Spraitz (Tony); parents, Leo and Belle (Kitto) Hogan; Aunt, Louise Kitto; and brother, George (Lois) Hogan. Survived by daughters Cindy Spraitz and Kathleen (Michael Swanson) Spraitz; grandchildren William Swanson and Erika Kinderknecht; along with her Irish cousins, lifelong friends and beloved neighbors.

To Pat, nursing was a calling within which she made forever friends. Pat

championed and mentored student nurses well into her 80s. The current pandemic will impact nursing education in ways we could not have imagined. The family requests memorial contributions to the School of Nursing Special Projects Fund to address the school's innovations in the days ahead. Contributions can be mailed to the University of Minnesota Foundation, PO Box 860266, Minneapolis, MN 55486-0266 or <https://makingagift.umn.edu/give/fund.html?id=1538>

A private interment will be held. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later time when we can gather in person to celebrate Pat's life.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *That cheerful smile and her kindness to all will always be remembered. So sorry for your loss Cindy and Kathy.*

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**Angie Molitor** - April 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The obit is perfect. Just who she was and admired by all. Jean and Bob Dooley ...former North Oaks neighbors.*

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**Eleanor Jean Dooley** - April 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Patsy and I grew up as next door neighbors. We were classmates and friends from kindergarten through graduation. Patsy's early morning piano practice was very often my wake-up call. She was an extremely gifted player, a special friend, and a brilliant student.*

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**John Tingstad** - April 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The world will miss dear Pat. An inspiration to us all and a cheery lady that always left us smiling.*

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**JOHN ISAKSEN** - April 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Pat will always be remember as very special lady! She was always smiling! She will be missed by so many people. I'm so glad we got to know her.*

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**Noreen & Bob Brodt** - April 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM