



## Patti MacArthur Bruflodt

March 17, 1950 - April 2, 2024

Patti Ann MacArthur Bruflodt, age 74, passed away April 2, 2024 at Mount Olivet Careview Home in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

She is survived by her husband David Bruflodt; her children, Adam (Amanda) Thompson and Joy (Peter) MacArthur; daughter-in-law Crispina Arkin; six grandchildren, Joel Thompson, Violet Arkin, Aidan Thompson, Marcel Arkin, Sophia Thompson and Grace Thompson; her sister Cheryl (Henry) Drabczak and her brother Douglas (Linda) MacArthur; a nephew Douglas (Natalie) MacArthur and a niece Laura (Christopher) Perkins; cousins and numerous friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Douglas and Audrey MacArthur, and her son Eric Thompson.

Patti was born in Minneapolis on March 17, 1950. At age 5 her family moved to Edina, Minnesota, where she grew up and graduated high school. She met her husband, David, at Colonial Church of Edina in 1982. They were married there on July 20, 1985. She was a faithful member of Colonial Church (now Meetinghouse Church) for 44+ years.

Her Lord Jesus and her family meant everything to Patti. Her faith was her guiding light. She believed fervently in the power of prayer. Her passion in life was to be a mom and grandma and homemaker for her family. Everything she did was done to make things better for her family.

Over the years Patti worked a variety of jobs. One of her first was putting monkeys in barrels. To help support her family she worked for a number of

years in hospitals as a nurse's aide. She also took in laundry, did in-home daycare, was an elementary school playground monitor, delivered newspapers and pizzas, designed and sewed costumes for church pageants and school plays. She worked for 15 years in the Jerry's Foods café, walking to work at six in the morning in all kinds of weather. She retired from Jerry's to become sole caregiver for her disabled husband for the next 8 years.

All of this was made much more difficult by the numerous life-altering health issues Patti suffered throughout her life. From her teenage years on she lived in constant pain of one type or another. Yet she was not one to complain or compare her situation to others more fortunate than herself. Knocked down over and over again by health problems and other tragic life events, she would repeatedly pull herself back up and keep going the best she could. In doing so she became a role model to many who knew her.

Patti trusted the promises of God she found in Scripture. In her later years, as life became even more challenging, she found hope in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." She claimed this verse as her own.

A beautiful and gentle soul. Quiet and uncomplicated. Meek in the Biblical sense. Pure in heart. Accepting and forgiving. Warm and friendly. She loved to laugh and have fun. She loved carnations and daisies and calla lilies. She loved cardinals and butterflies. She loved doggies and kitties and hairy cows. She loved her family and friends and every moment she was blessed to spend with each person.

Our Patti loved life.

A memorial service and luncheon will be held on Monday April 22, at 11 AM, at Meetinghouse Church, 6200 Colonial Way, Edina. Interment will follow at Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Mount Olivet Careview Home, Animal Humane Society, or Alzheimer's Association. Thank you.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Meetinghouse Church  
6200 Colonial Way  
Edina, MN 55436

## Church Service

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

Meetinghouse Church  
6200 Colonial Way  
Edina, MN 55436

# Tribute Wall

AI

“ *Aidan lit a candle in memory of Patti MacArthur Bruflodt*



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**Aidan** - March 03, 2025 at 02:03 PM

MB

“ *Pattie was our neighbor for 34 years. Every time I saw Pattie she greeted me with a friendly wave or smile*

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**Michael Beck** - April 20, 2024 at 03:10 PM

JM

“ Hi Mama,

*It's hard to believe that you are really gone, mostly because I know that your love lives on in all of us. As I told you so many times, especially over the last few months and years, you really were the best mama I could have ever dreamed of. You taught me how to love with my whole heart, how to see the good in so many people, and to say "I Love You" to my partner, my family, and my friends every chance I have, even if I say it so often it makes it awkward. You taught me to follow my dreams, to have compassion for myself and others, and most importantly, to be the best me I could be. You are beloved by friends and family alike for your love, your silliness, and how you found joy in the littlest things. I will miss you forever, mama, but I know that your love lives on and will always be with me.*

*I love you,*

*Your Joy Joy*



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**Joy MacArthur** - April 17, 2024 at 05:06 PM