



Patricia Joan Knight

March 26, 1937 - December 26, 2023

In Loving Memory of Patricia (Patty Jo) Peirce Knight

Born - March 26, 1937

Died - December 26, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Pat Knight, a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 26, 2023, surrounded by the love and warmth of her family.

Patricia was born to Irene McCormick and Edgar Peirce, on March 26, 1937, in Omaha, NE. She was raised in Omaha, NE. and Modena-Princeton, MO. She graduated in 1955 from North High School in Omaha, NE. Soon after she married Charles Knight. She went on to raise their three children, Cindy, Tim, and Brian.

Pat's love of all things beautiful was personified at her home in Bennington. A hilltop-acre surrounded by bouquets of home-grown flowers, visited by incredible country wildlife, and views of Nebraskaland which were second-to-none marked one of her favorite places. Her kitchen window opened to her bird feeder which she would watch every day and she even helped raised blue birds during the springtime.

Outside of the home, Pat enjoyed her time as a volunteer for the Lauritzen Botanical Gardens and was a 52-year member of the 'Gabby Gals', a Douglas County extension group. She was especially fond of their Thursday morning

breakfast get-togethers and numerous luncheon outings.

Pat created beauty around her. She will be remembered most for her genuine, caring, and loving heart for her family including her grandchildren, her great-granddaughter, and her dearest of friends. She was always interested in learning about “their story”. Pat’s positive spirit, determination, and strength in the face of adversity served as an inspiration to all who knew her.

Pat enjoyed her professional career at HDR Architecture, Lozier Corporation and Stems Florist.

Patricia is preceded in death by husband Charles, mother Irene, stepfather John Rohrer, beloved aunts, grandmothers and cousins. Survived by children Cindy (Richard) Horeis, Tim Knight and Tracy Healy, and Brian Knight and Jenny Zadina, granddaughters Emily (Gregory) Gale, Sydney Knight, and great-granddaughter Marcie Gale. Her legacy lives on through the values she instilled in her family and the countless lives she touched.

A Graveside service will be held Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery Omaha, NE. A celebration of life service will be in the Spring, her favorite time of year!

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly suggests donations in Patricia's memory be made to: Bluebirds Across Nebraska P.O. Box 67157 Lincoln, NE 68506, or Lauritzen Gardens 100 Bancroft St., Omaha, NE 68108

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park - Omaha

2300 S 78th St
Omaha, NE 68124

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KH

“Dearest Pat...I can still remember when I met you. Your granddaughter, Emily, beaming with so much love and pride to introduce me to her grandma, introduced me to you saying, “He’s the Will to my Grace.” The look of confusion on your face as Cindy, Rick, Emily and I laughed hysterically will forever be etched in my memory. After that day, every time I saw you, you were always so kind and loving to me.

I also remember the December I almost got stuck in Fremont at Cindy & Rick’s home as a nasty blizzard caught me by surprise coming back after a quick trip to Chicago. You were at Cindy & Rick’s when I realized that I may have to spend Christmas there as all the roads to the west were closed or closing. You gave me a big hug and assured me that I would be an honorary Horeis. I found out later you were even making plans to get me a Christmas gift so I wasn’t left with nothing on Christmas Day. How touched I was to find this out!!!

I have a handful of special memories of you that I will forever hold close to my heart. That way you’ll never be more than a simple heartbeat away!!

*Rest in peace in the arms of the angels!!
All My Love, Kyle Hansen*

Kyle Hansen - December 30, 2023 at 02:14 AM

RH

“ Well Pat (coworker)....Mom (family)....who'd have thought that cold November day 44 years ago we'd be here today. Not me. You introduced me to your beautiful daughter, Cindy, on that day. “ She needs to tour HDR; just show her around.” Six weeks later I proposed to her and after a few months became my forever wife. You saw something in us and I thank you. I thank you for Cindy, and the continuing legacy in our daughter Emily Rose and with her husband, Greg, granddaughter Marcie Rose. Be careful what you ask for, you might get it....I didn't ask for the world. But thanks to you that one day years ago, I got the universe.

Rick Horeis - December 29, 2023 at 07:49 PM

JM

“ My life was one of the lives she shared with me. She always stopped to visit with me when in the area. What a special lady. Cindy and families, you have my deepest condolences. I do wish I could have visited my dear friend one more time. I will miss her even though I hadn't seen her for some time. What pleasure and joy she will bring into her heavenly home.

JoAnn Morgan A Morgan - December 29, 2023 at 07:07 PM

HF

“ Healy Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Joan Knight.

Healy Family - December 29, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Joan Knight.*



December 29, 2023 at 02:34 PM

JZ

“ *My dear mother-in-law, or Pat, Party Pat, and mom, I want to thank you for raising my partner and making him a very smart, talented, and loving person.*

Next, I want to thank you for taking me under your wings and welcoming me into your wonderful family, treating me like a daughter, and giving me a place in your kind and caring heart.

I look around my house and see all the wonderful things that you have given to us to make our home a wonderful place to live. We use something each and every day so you will always be with us.

I want to thank you for all the wonderful times together, for being so caring and thoughtful and looking out for everyone.

Most of all I thank you for our amazing fur babies Kodie and Klondike.

You will always be remembered for your kindness, love, and warm heart. Remembering all the joy you brought to our lives.

We know you will continue to be our guardian angel and gives us strength each and every day and put smiles on our faces thinking about all the wonderful memories.

We will miss you everyday & Love you very much Mom!

Jenny Zadina - December 29, 2023 at 01:04 PM

AB

“ *My condolences to the entire family. I always remember Pat with such a warm smile on her face and she always made me feel so welcomed.*

Annette Ahrendsen Belding

Annette Ahrendsen Belding - December 29, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia Joan Knight.*



December 28, 2023 at 11:21 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Patricia Joan Knight.*



December 28, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *I have only known a few months. She had resided at an assisted living facility where I help out. But in that short period of time I came to see an inner warmth and compassion that pat demonstrated to friends and strangers alike. I will never forget when pat went out of her way to retrieve and place a blanket around another (somewhat disabled) resident that pat noticed was shivering from the cool temperature in the building. Pure compassion. Pat was very gregarious and was a fixture at nearly all the activities. Finally, Pat was one of the few women that would graciously accept my offer to dance whenever we had live music provided. We both smiled and laughed throughout the songs! You will be remembered, Pat - and always missed. -your friend, -dan*

dan johnson - December 28, 2023 at 08:59 PM

CS

“ *May you know that Pat is sharing her love and joy with her family in heaven who are celebrating her arrival. May the good Lord give you peace and comfort as you journey through these upcoming days.
Sending love and hugs! Shellie, Carolyn & Earley*

Carolyn Smith - December 28, 2023 at 07:47 PM

“ To my mother,

I just want to thank you for making me the person I am. You taught me the appreciation of music and the arts, the importance of history, and the love of birds.

I too stare out my kitchen window at the feeder station, just like the one I made for you decades ago, and watch all our feathered friends eating and playing. Every now and again we have a new visitor at the station, and out come the binoculars and birding books to try and identify our new friend. I will miss your early oriole sighting calls in the spring.

Mom was an amazing gift giver... If you received a gift from her, then you know that it was a gift of thought and love. I can't even count the number of times she gave me something where I rolled my eyes and thought, "What the heck?"... only to realize the practicality of it or just how much thought and love went into it. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't see or use something that she gave me, wondering, "How did she know?"... mother's intuition, I guess.

But the greatest gift you gave us, mom, were Kodi and Klondike. You will never know how much these guys have meant to us... Thank you!

You taught us three kids to be strong, self-reliant and to go out into this world and blaze our own trails. You taught us to be kind and to treat others as we would want to be treated. Mom never met a stranger she didn't like, treated them with kindness, and had the gift of gab.

Mom was a loving, caring soul, and she touched many lives like ripples in a pond. Those ripples move through our relationships, our traditions, and our daily routines. These ripples will be felt for generations.

I love you and will forever be indebted to you for the life you gave me.

Your son, Brian



Brian Knight - December 28, 2023 at 06:49 PM