



Patty Barry

January 25, 1933 - November 24, 2025

Mary Patricia "Patty" Barry, 92, passed away peacefully after a life devoted to family, faith, and service. She was born on January 25, 1933, in Sioux City, Iowa, to Willard and Alice Smith.

Tragedy struck early when her mother, Alice, passed away during childbirth. Patty was subsequently raised by her loving father, Willard, and his second wife, Pauline. This challenging start instilled in her a profound resilience and deep appreciation for family bonds.

Following her high school graduation, Patty pursued a calling to care for others, attending Nurses training at St. Vincent's in Sioux City, Iowa. After earning her nursing degree, she embarked on a memorable two month adventure through Europe with her cousins, a trip she often spoke of with great fondness and cherished memories.

Upon her return to the States, she took a nursing job on the east coast. Family obligations prompted her return to Sioux City, where she built a remarkable nursing career. Patty dedicated her skills and compassionate spirit as a registered nurse at both St. Vincent's and St. Joseph's hospitals. Her dedication and expertise saw her rise through the ranks to become the respected Head OB/GYN Nurse at both institutions.

In 1956, Patty married Tom McGuire, and together they built a loving family, welcoming five beautiful children: Tim, Molly, Matthew, Shaun, and Dennis. Alongside raising a family and managing a demanding nursing career, Patty capably served as the business manager for her husband's vacuum cleaner shop.

Patty's capacity for care extended far beyond the hospital walls. Demonstrating a profound commitment to her community, she opened her home to a number of young women during their pregnancies, offering them support and a safe harbor. She also served as a private duty nurse for numerous hospice patients, providing comfort and dignity during their final days.

After she and Tom separated, Patty eventually found love again with Dr. Richard Barry, known affectionately as "Dick". She had known Dick for many years through his late wife, Joan, her former classmate from nurses training. In 1980, Patty, along with her three youngest children, moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where she and Dick married and blended their families. Patty was blessed to become "Mom" to Debbie, Diane, Rick and Sean. This blended family of nine children was her greatest joy! Following her move to Omaha and marriage to Dick, Patty switched career paths and became a respected Realtor in the Omaha area for many years, applying her characteristic dedication and interpersonal skills to the real estate market.

Patty and Dick found their dream home at Ginger Cove Lake in Valley, Nebraska, where they lived happily for many years, hosting countless joyful family gatherings.

When Richard passed away, Patty remained at the lake home, continuing to provide a loving respite and gathering place for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Throughout her life, Patty maintained master-level skill in the game of bridge and became a prominent member of Omaha's elite bridge community.

She will be remembered for her enduring grace, her tireless work ethic, and the quiet strength with which she navigated life's challenges. Her legacy is one of boundless love, extraordinary perseverance, and unwavering devotion to those she served and held dear.

Patty was preceded in death by her father, Willard Smith, Mother, Alice Smith, Stepmother, Pauline Smith, Husband, Dr. Richard Barry and her son Dennis McGuire as well as her two sisters and brother.

Patty is survived by her children Tim (Charlotte) McGuire, Molly McGuire (Pat Burke), Matthew (Trisha) McGuire, Shaun McGuire, Debra (Dennis) Mostek, Rick Barry, Diane (John) Denkinger, Sean (Stephanie) Barry and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In Lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to The Omaha Community Playhouse or the Josie harper Hospice House.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church
307 East Meigs Street
Valley, NE 68064

Wake Service

DEC 12. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of the Christian Burial

DEC 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ Dear family members, Patty will be missed by so many who knew her! Patty was my Mom’s first cousin and my second cousin once removed! Patty sure knew how to throw family reunions at the Cove! Patty and I flew to Colorado together and shared a darling tiny home for the wedding of Micala and Ben! What a great time we have had as an extended family! Love you all and May God Bless!
Akways, Carol Dodson Flamish

Carol Dodson Flamish - December 24, 2025 at 07:31 PM

NF

“ Nfm Flooring Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patty Barry.



Nfm Flooring Family - December 12, 2025 at 03:06 PM

MF

“ Maggie and Ford purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Patty Barry.



Maggie and Ford - December 12, 2025 at 01:15 PM

MF

“ Maggie and Ford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patty Barry.

Maggie and Ford - December 12, 2025 at 01:15 PM

BA

“ Bruce Lockwood & Brad Agosta purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Patty Barry.



Bruce Lockwood & Brad Agosta - December 11, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Patty Barry.



December 08, 2025 at 12:05 PM

LI

“ *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Linda - December 08, 2025 at 12:11 AM

JO

“ *A teddy bear for those who may need it.*



Jojo - December 08, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patty Barry.* ”



December 06, 2025 at 10:16 PM



“ *Sandy and Jonathan purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Patty Barry.* ”



Sandy and Jonathan - December 06, 2025 at 09:00 PM



“ *Patty was our next door neighbor in Sioux City where our children grew up together sharing many happy memories. Dick, Karen, Terri, Rick, and Kelly Jackson. Rest in peace Patty.* ”

Karen Bass Jackson - December 06, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patty Barry.* ”



December 03, 2025 at 04:50 PM

AW

“ I met Patty playing Bridge about 10 years ago. We have played in several groups together in the years since then and she became a loved a treasured friend. There is a song I learned in Girl Scouts sixty some years ago: “Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold”. Rest in peace my golden friend ❤️



Amy Worth - November 30, 2025 at 08:10 AM

SU

“ I meet Patty at B J Brown and associates.
We became friends and have remained friends



Sharon Ugland - November 29, 2025 at 01:02 PM

BB

“ Greg and I played bridge with Patty, and she was a tough opponent. She loved playing, and I think she has been very much missed since she got so ill. I'll think of you when I make the right play. Be at peace.

Barb Broderick - November 27, 2025 at 11:09 PM

GN

“ *Patty was our neighbor at Ginger Cove. She was so much fun. We always loved her sense of humor. Rest In Peace dear lady* ”

Gerri Nordell - November 27, 2025 at 02:35 PM