



Hanna Patterson

June 9, 1928 - November 27, 2020

Johanna (Hanna) Milles Patterson of Traverse City, passed away peacefully on November 27th, 2020 at the age of 92. She was born June 9, 1928 in Andernach, Germany to Alvina and Peter Milles who had 7 other children. She joins her late husband, Thomas Patterson, who preceded her in death in 2012.

In 1951, Hanna immigrated to the United States on a ship through Ellis Island with her first husband, Raymond Hermann Carrie, and their 6 month old daughter. They lived in Marion, Indiana where Hanna learned English, assimilated to their new life, and had their only son before eventually moving to Cadillac, Michigan where they had two more daughters. They were married for 25 years while they lovingly raised their 4 children and co-owned and operated their business, World Wide Travel Service, in downtown Cadillac. She ran the business for 15 years with the same grace and elegance that she carried throughout her life. The travel agency allowed Hanna to travel the world and return home to Germany to visit relatives every year.

Hanna was a talented artist, a fabulous cook, and loved to entertain to the delight of all that shared her table. Generous of heart, she had open arms for anyone that needed her. That is when she shone the brightest. Hanna married Thomas Patterson of Battle Creek in 1975. They shared a love for dogs, good food and family. They moved around Michigan for Tom's career before settling in Traverse City in 2000.

Hanna is survived by her four children: Linda Borish (Arnold) of Berwyn, PA, Raymond E. Carrie (Linda) of Kalamazoo, MI, Mary Ann Carrie of Suttons Bay, MI, and Carrie Carrie Schuett of Watertown, WI; her 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren to whom she was lovingly known as Oma; her 6 stepchildren, 6 step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; as well as her one remaining sibling, Rosemarie Matz of Stuttgart, Germany. Hanna will be deeply missed.

Hanna's life will be celebrated at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Father Fred Foundation where Hanna volunteered for many years. Arrangements have been made by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

Comments



“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to our family for the loss of Tante Hanna. She was a wonderful person, an extraordinary woman and will be greatly missed! We will always remember her fondly and hope that the love of friends and family will carry everybody through this difficult time. Much love from Germany, Claudia and Christoph with Rosemarie



Claudia Matz - December 08, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ Kraft Mut Zuversicht und Gottvertrauen
Wir denken an euch
In freundschaftlicher Verbundenheit
Frédéric Sylvie Bertille Adèle



Sylvie Tierny - December 07, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to all the family. I remember Hanna as a best friend to my Mother (Leni) for over 50+ years. She was always well dressed! I remember her charm bracelet and the added flair of a headband. Such style that came naturally to her.

Hanna would just stop by with a cheesecake to say “Hello”! And then enjoy a cup of coffee or a glass of wine and share her latest finds. She loved to shop for the best bargains. There was always just the right gift, for the right person at the right time. Me included; a beautiful French Country cookbook with a lovely note inside. What a special person & friend she was.

Returning from one of her trips to Germany, she managed space in her suitcase a gift for my Mother: Christmas candles.

We did light those candles in loving memory of Hanna

Peace be with you

Elizabeth (Wing) Marcenaro



Elizabeth Marcenaro - December 06, 2020 at 07:57 AM



“ Hanna has been a dear friend to my mom and our family for many years. It was always fun to hear them sharing memories and laughing together. Your mom was a beautiful, spirited and generous woman, and I feel fortunate to have known her.

My heart goes out to you all.

Kathy Curtiss

Kathy Curtiss - December 06, 2020 at 07:07 AM



“ I am so sorry that you have lost your beautiful mother. I have nothing but fond memories of Hanna as far back as I can remember. I am sending you all my love.

Debi Truesdale - December 04, 2020 at 10:17 PM



“ Mully- my heart goes out to you and your family. I know how much you loved your mother. I am honored to have met her on several occasions and always thought she was a sweet, classy lady. May she RIP. - Lee

Lee Fivenson - December 04, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ Linda, of course I remember you and Ray most from the Mason Street days when we were so young. Your Mom and Dad both were so welcoming to all us neighborhood kids. I do remember your mom serving what I considered fancy little treats, like nothing I had ever seen before. I assume it was an old German recipe but I didn't know that then. I don't know the occasion was, I believe I was 10 or under? We were blessed to have such wonderful parents and to have had the childhoods they gave us.

Y'all have my most heartfelt prayers, I hope your wonderful memories will sustain you. I don't think we ever get old enough to lose our parents, I know I'm not. I miss mine every day as I know y'all will miss yours. That's the price we pay for loving them so much.

. Sincerely, Cynda Boyd LuClaire



Cynda Boyd LuClaire - December 01, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ One of the strongest person I ever met left. You will be missed Tante Hanna. My thoughts are with your children, grand and grandchildren.



Sebastian Schillings-Bidon - December 01, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ Thank you Sebastian

Carrie Schuett - December 01, 2020 at 02:45 PM



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