



Patricia "Pat" Jennings

June 18, 1928 - October 15, 2021

Patricia May Jennings, 93, of Traverse City died on October 15, 2021. She was born in Lansing Michigan on June 18, 1928. She grew up primarily in Lansing, but also lived in Memphis Tennessee, and San Francisco, California where her father's employment took the family. She graduated from Sexton High School in Lansing and went on to Michigan State University where she pursued her interests in drama, broadcast communications, and English literature. She was an accomplished raconteur and told stories that were broadcast on WKAR when she was a student. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and cherished her affiliation. At MSU, she met her husband of 64 years, Dean E. Jennings. They settled in East Lansing where they raised their four children.

She loved theatre, collected art, volunteered at the Lansing Art Gallery, and enjoyed the symphony. She was an avid reader with a broad curiosity for a variety of topics. She loved to travel with her husband and did so extensively in Europe, exploring historic sites and museums, and in the United States, hiking in the National Parks. She was member of the Mayflower Society and Daughters of the American Revolution, pursuing her interest in heritage and serving as the family historian. Pat was also a member of the Lansing Chapter of the US Power & Sail Squadron where her husband was a past Commander; she served as his "first mate" on many a voyage sailing the Great Lakes and the Virgin Islands. She was a part-time resident of Boyne City where she enjoyed sailing and skiing. She was a devoted parishioner at Edgewood United Church, volunteering in a variety of capacities. In 2018, she relocated to Traverse City where her daughter Susan lovingly served as her "first mate" and advocate. She was an adventurous woman who was dearly loved by her family and friends. She will always be remembered for her kind heart, inquisitive mind, love for nature, and passion for life.

She is survived by her children, Pamela, Danford, Patricia, and Sue; grandchildren Simone Smith (Bill) and Melissa Jennings, and great-grandchildren Amara, Logan, and Tristan. Pat is also survived by her brothers Jack and David Lund, and her beloved "sister"-cousin Jennifer Kennedy. She was preceded in death by her husband Dean. A celebration of her life will be held at Edgewood United Church in East Lansing on November 6, 2:00 pm. The family requests that you please wear a mask.

The family would like to thank the staff and volunteers of Grand Traverse Pavilions,

Munson Hospice, and her additional caretakers, Joanna Lauber and Nancy Groesser who provided her with meaningful companionship which she cherished.

Donations may be made in her memory to an environmental organization of your choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Edgewood United Church
469 N Hagadorn Rd
East Lansing, MI 48823

Tribute Wall



“ Send *BEAUTIFUL Flowers Locally* to the family of Patricia "Pat" Jennings. Express your condolences, giving comfort and support. [Click here to view selections on our website](#)

Send Flowers - October 21, 2021 at 01:21 PM

JP

“ Aunt Pat, my memories of you go way back to the days you had Cleo the cat and four young children who were all fun to be around. You were always willing to babysit us when we were young. You had this beautiful red hair and a smile that was so wide it almost touched your ears. Your laughter came so naturally and you hugged us like we were your own. You were a warm, kind soul who treated everyone as if they were your special friend. Always a kind word and a sparkle in your eye. You were my favorite Aunt and will be missed. Thank you for all the warm memories you gave us throughout the years and may you light up Heaven as you did with us on Earth.

Jill Prasnicki - November 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Kay Rinck lit a candle in memory of Patricia "Pat" Jennings



Kay Rinck - October 25, 2021 at 06:35 PM

KR

Sue, Pam, Dan, Trish--I am so sorry for your loss. Aunt Pat was always like a ray of sunshine whenever she was around. She was a delightful person to know.

Kay Rinck - October 25, 2021 at 06:39 PM

JL

“ It was a privilege to know Pat and in the end be a care taker. She had a sparkle in her eye. She had a joy about life. She enjoyed nature, reading books, art and sailing . It was a joy for me to share our mutual interest In the arts, reading and nature. She loved her children and being a mom. She is at peace and with her husband Dean. Thank you Sue for introducing your mom to me and sharing her. You took such loving care of her. Blessings to you ❤️

Joanna Lauber - October 25, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ *In My Thoughts Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pat" Jennings.*



Send Flowers - October 22, 2021 at 09:47 AM

JS

“ *I never knew Aunt Pat well, but it sounds like she was a lovely person. My condolences go out to all my cousins on the loss of their Mother/Grandmother.*



Janice Martin Starr - October 21, 2021 at 10:51 AM

MJ

“ *I have so many fond memories with my grandma. Sailing on Lake Charlevoix, visiting her at the art gallery, shopping trips and lunches, going to Wharton Center, her stories...oh how I loved her stories.*

Melissa Jennings - October 21, 2021 at 10:21 AM

SI

“ *I have a lifetime of memories with Grandma J. I remember sailing on lake Charlevoix. Going out for Ice Cream with her and Grandpa. I remember little moments like sitting in her bedroom in East Lansing and looking at all her fancy jewelry while she told me about where they were from. Her peanut butter balls. How she always made me feel special. She had such a bright smile and bigger than life personality. White water rafting on the French Broad in NC and visiting Niagara Falls. I remember her and grandpa dancing in the living room. I like to think they are dancing together now.*

Simone - October 21, 2021 at 09:43 AM