



Patricia "Patty" Ann Kukla

October 16, 1946 - April 15, 2019

Patricia (Patty) Ann Kukla, ended her earthly journey on April 15, 2019 at the age of 72, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was intelligent, warm, beautiful, generous, loving and happy until the very end. She formed deep and lifelong friendships with so many schoolmates, fellow congregants, neighbors, and teaching colleagues. A Born Again Christian, she loved Jesus with all her heart and served Him with her constant gift of Helps.

She was born in Battle Creek, Michigan on October 16, 1946 after which her family moved to Traverse City, Michigan where she completed high school and started her college work. She went on to achieve her B.A. degree in Special Education from Michigan State University in 1969. Her loving husband of 46 years, Dale, was home after serving in the Army in November of 1971 when they had a chance encounter on the Union Street Bridge in Traverse City, and were married 8 months later. Patty began her teaching career at Way Elementary in Bloomfield Hills. She chose to put her professional career on hold for almost 17 years to focus on her passion, being a fulltime domestic engineer for her husband and three children. She later began substitute teaching to help with college costs for the kids, before landing a fulltime teaching position with Oxford Public Schools where she taught at Crossroads for Youth and the Oxford High School.

Patty's greatest joys were spending time with her husband, socializing with family and friends, care giving for her 8 grandchildren, and worshiping her Lord Jesus Christ in church. Surviving her are her husband Dale, her daughter and son-in-law Tracey Kukla-Aleshire and Bryan Aleshire and grandchildren Eva, Lachlan and Baron, her son David Kukla and grandchildren Deanielle, Aubrie and Madelyn, her daughter and son-in-law Amy and Matthew Duwe and grandchildren Everett and Jasper, and her brother and sister-in-law Britton and Alicia Sanford, nephew Matthew Sanford and niece Erin (Aaron) Singer. She loved each of them with all of her heart.

Visitation is Saturday, April 20 from 1-3 pm followed by a service at 3 pm, all held at Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors, 39 West Burdick, Oxford, Michigan, 48371 (248-628-3100). A

graveside service will be held at Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens, Traverse City, Michigan, on Saturday May 11 at noon. Donations may be made in her memory to any charity of your choice that benefits children or special education. The family is being cared for by the Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors and the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

Cemetery

Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens

3575 Veterans Drive
Traverse City, MI, 49684

Events

MAY 11 **Graveside Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Dale, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Patty. We have such good memories of her, always smiling. We will never forget the Bible studies held at your home years ago... Patty was such a good host and a good cook (her recipe for "peanut butter" cookies is delicious) Dale, may our Lord comfort you and the kids in the days to come.

Praying for you and the family.

Bill and Monique Parker



Monique Parker - April 18, 2019 at 10:05 AM