



Mrs. Priscilla Mae Carlson

November 19, 1929 - February 19, 2014

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TRAVERSE CITY - Priscilla Mae Carlson "Pat" "Grandma Pat" 84, of Traverse City, died February 19, 2014. She was born Nov. 19, 1929, in Bessemer, Mich., to Paul and Ethel Hoeft.

Pat married her high school sweetheart Herman "Bud" Carlson just shy of her 17th birthday and soon after had three children, William, Debra and Jeffrey.

Pat was gifted at anything that required artistic talent, especially china painting. She was a member of the Michigan China Painters Association, Michigan Federation of China Painters and International China Painting Teachers Organization. She taught for 17 years, winning top awards for her works and lecturing in many states. When Pat wasn't teaching or creating she served as bookkeeper for the family businesses: Bud's North End Shell in Oak Park, Mich. and later after moving, Traverse City Frame and Axle for a combined 36 years. A love of music and dancing was shared between she and Bud, entertaining the grandkids with many an impromptu basement ballroom dances to the Lawrence Welk Show.

In 1990 she lost her dance partner, Bud, after a long and wonderful marriage. Never with idle hands, Pat went on to work at Prange's (Younkers) then to the original GFS in Traverse City, well known as the Demo Dame and later as an enthusiastic and keen-eyed greeter at Meijer.

Always armed with a smile, hug and a great sense of humor, Pat was known for her endless talents of knitting, crocheting, sewing, baking and sometimes - a sharp and sassy tongue. Those lucky enough to be in her circle were often a recipient of her almond toffee, rye bread, peanut butter cookies and the warmth provided by the gift of her hand-knit afghans, many of which grace the couches of her loving friends and family.

Besides the homemade treats, her greatest gift was her enthusiasm for grandchildren and those who needed a "Gramma," serving twice a week at Willow Hill Elementary as the "Special Gramma" to kindergarten and first graders for many years. Neighborhood

children were all encouraged and excited to be able to call her "Gramma." With her tireless energy for creating and giving, not a birthday went by without some acknowledgement from her, whether it be a famous spaghetti and meatball dinner complete with homemade confetti angel food cake or just a thoughtfully selected birthday card, Pat was on it.

Pat is survived by her children William (Cindy) Carlson, Debra Carlson, Jeffrey (Holly) Carlson, 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law Louise Kochish and Mirja Hoeft and many nieces, nephews and honorary grandchildren.

Pat is preceded in death by Herman "Bud" Carlson, Pearl Rigoni (Arthur), William Hoeft, Allen Hoeft and Donna Carlson.

A private family viewing was held and handled by Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral home and cremation Services in Traverse City, with a celebration of life ceremony to be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Cherryland Humane Society or Michael's Place.

Comments



“ Dear Jeff, Holly and the Carlson Family,
Our sincere condolences on the loss of your dear mom, Priscilla. She was a very accomplished woman professionally, as well as being a beloved gram to many it seems. You can be very proud of her life and the person she was ... a true loss to all who knew her. Cherish her memory and live out her legacy in all you do. May Priscilla rest in peace in the loving arms of our Lord!
Love and prayers,
Judy and Glenn

Judy LaCross - March 06, 2014 at 09:14 AM



“ Dear Bill, Jeff, and Deb,
We extend our greatest sympathies to you during this time of sorrow.
Having shared a back yard with Pat for many years, we can truly vouch for the fact that she was indeed the neighborhood Grandma.
If I couldn't find Jason, I did not have to look too far. At 7 pm he could be found watching Wheel of Fortune with your Mom.
Our parents lived in Grand Rapids, and it was very kind of Pat to fill that local Grandma role for them.
Since moving from the neighborhood, I have missed those backyard chats, the sharing of garden bounty, and her joy of life and music.
We appreciate all the love she sent our way.
We will always remember her with fondness.

Sincerely,
Regina, Bill, Jason, and Meghan Walter

Regina Walter - March 03, 2014 at 04:59 PM