



## PATRICIA ANN GUTH

August 3, 1937 - January 10, 2024

Patricia Ann (Volinkaty) Guth

On the morning of January 10th, 2024, Patt (age 86) peacefully concluded her seven-year battle with breast cancer in the embrace of her home, surrounded by family. No one faced this journey with more sheer will and determination than she did. Her extraordinary resolve to remain with her family and friends manifested through relentless rounds of treatment to extend her life. Patt approached her diagnosis with inspiring courage, relying on her abiding faith, the reunion with her son Tim, the vision of being whole again with Jesus, and the comforting presence of her husband, the love of her life.

Patt (Patsy) was born August 3rd, 1937 at Union Hospital in New Ulm, Minnesota to Edward and Olive Volinkaty. She was the oldest of 4 children. She was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lafayette, Minnesota. She attended Lafayette grade school and was a 1955 graduate of New Ulm High School.

In January 1956, Patt met Orville (freshly returned from military service) during the Miss New Ulm Queen Pageant, a Benny Goodman ballroom event. Their connection led to marriage just eight months later, and for 66 years, they danced through life together, starting in New Ulm and later moving to Caledonia after Orville's career change to the Minnesota State Patrol. Patt's life was marked by resilience and creativity. She embraced various ventures,

from owning a second-hand store, "The Attic," to a young women's clothing store, "American Girl." Later, she dedicated 14 years to tutoring reading and phonics at St. John's Lutheran school, leaving a lasting impact on the children she worked with. In 1974, she became Caledonia's first Community Education Director, building the program from scratch on her kitchen and dining room tables. Her success extended to mentorship roles for other counties, earning her the title of Minnesota Community Education Director of the Year in 1988. After retiring in 1997, Patt and Orv enjoyed winters in Ixtapa, Mexico, forming lasting friendships and, upon "retirement," acquiring a lake cabin in Birchwood, Wisconsin. Patt continued to be a gracious host, sharing joy with friends and extended family. Patt's influence extended beyond her professional accomplishments. She remained deeply engaged with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, always thoughtful and generous.

Patt is preceded in death by her parents Edward and Olive Volinkaty; son Timothy; sister and brother-in-law Karen and LeRoy Youngblom; brother and sister-in-law John (Jack) and Judy (Volinkaty) Bickel; sister Susan (Colin) Quinn; and niece Karla Youngblom.

Survived by husband of 66 years Orville Guth; daughter Catherine Guth Gray (Jeff); son Eric Guth (Sue Ann), grandchildren Jordan Guth (Yanire); Sophia Beyer (Tristan); McKenzie Bowman; Alexis Gray; and 3 great grandchildren.

On behalf of Patt's family, we are deeply thankful for the astonishing support and love that has been extended to Patt and her family, during her illness. We are at loss as how to express our gratefulness and appreciation to the community of unsung known and unknown acts of kindness and support for our family

Funeral services will be at 1:00 pm, Saturday, January 20, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Caledonia. Visitation will be from 11 - 1 pm at the church

before the service. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church  
650 North Kingston St.  
Caledonia, MN 55921

## Funeral Service

JAN 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ So sorry for your loss. Pat was a very nice lady, and had a strong determination to live her life with dignity. Sincerely, Jeff Fredrickson.

jeff Fredrickson - January 18, 2024 at 11:04 PM

RA

“ Ricardo A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of PATRICIA ANN GUTH.

Ricardo A. - January 18, 2024 at 08:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of PATRICIA ANN GUTH.



January 18, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of PATRICIA ANN GUTH.



January 18, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of PATRICIA ANN GUTH.*



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January 16, 2024 at 09:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of PATRICIA ANN GUTH.*



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January 16, 2024 at 08:18 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of PATRICIA ANN GUTH.*



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January 16, 2024 at 06:31 PM



“ *Marilyn Austin and the Austin girls! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of PATRICIA ANN GUTH.*

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**Marilyn Austin and the Austin girls!** - January 16, 2024 at 06:31 PM

KR

“ Orv and family, so sorry to hear the passing of Pat. We are thinking of you and your families. Thoughts and prayers. Kris, Kim & Leslie Adam Ladewig

Kimberly Rasmussen - January 15, 2024 at 09:41 PM

BG

“ Brian Guth purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of PATRICIA ANN GUTH.



Brian Guth - January 15, 2024 at 12:02 PM

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Brian Guth - January 15, 2024 at 12:02 PM

BL

“ Orv, Cathy & Eric,  
So sorry for your loss! Pat was such lovely lady & will be remembered for all her contributions to our community! Please know you are in our thoughts & prayers!



Bob & Pat Lemke - January 15, 2024 at 12:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of PATRICIA ANN GUTH.



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January 14, 2024 at 12:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of PATRICIA ANN GUTH.

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January 14, 2024 at 12:59 AM



“ Thinking of the Guth family with the loss of a great person, Patt! I enjoyed her for a WW instructor a couple of times. She always said, “ Remember to count the calories in the BLTs” Bites, Licks, Tastes... RIP Patt your legacy lives on

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**Wilma Schoh** - January 13, 2024 at 11:03 PM



“ Always such a gracious and pleasant host whenever I would stop. Thinking of you Orv. She will be dearly missed. God bless her soul

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**Bruce Spurgeon** - January 12, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ So saddened to hear of Patt's passing. Her strong faith was apparent in her ever-positive attitude. She fought her battle with cancer very valiantly and The Lord has now rewarded her with eternal life. I am sure Tim was there to welcome her with open arms. Rest in peace my friend, and say "hi" to Tim for me.

Joanne Schuldt - January 12, 2024 at 02:17 PM



My favorite memory of Pat, our neighbor 2 houses down, was when my dad brought over a huge head of cabbage that Pat said she liked to eat raw with a little salt. RIP Mrs. Guth.

Jimmy Wagner - January 13, 2024 at 03:14 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of PATRICIA ANN GUTH.



January 11, 2024 at 08:57 PM



“ Schaible, Peggy & Mitch Langreck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of PATRICIA ANN GUTH.

Schaible, Peggy & Mitch Langreck - January 11, 2024 at 08:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
*PATRICIA ANN GUTH.*



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January 11, 2024 at 07:04 PM