



Patricia Anna "Pat" Darling

April 8, 1946 - July 28, 2017

Patricia Anna Darling, 71, of Grand Island passed away on Friday, July 28, 2017.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with Father Marty Egging as the celebrant. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Monday at the church followed by Praying of the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Known to friends and family as Pat, and occasionally Patsy, she was born April 8, 1946, in Independence, IA, the daughter of William and Sarah (Aldrich) O'Brien. She grew up in Independence and graduated from St. John's High School and went on to receive her BA in Education at Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, IA in 1968. Her first job out of college was teaching high school English at Cedar Rapids Public Schools from 1968-1973.

On August 12, 1973, she was married to Paul R. Darling. Together they relocated to Grand Island where she worked at the Hall County Extension Office from 1973-1977. In order to spend more time with her children Patricia then ran a daycare out of her home until 1990. As her children grew, Patricia returned to teaching at the Spalding Academy and as Education Director with Hope Harbor. Throughout her life Pat loved teaching and children and spent many years working with the Developmentally Disabled. Patricia was also a Citizen Advocacy Volunteer.

In addition to crocheting and reading, Pat enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. A wonderful grandmother, she often sent packages in the mail full of books and her favorite magazine for children, Highlights.

Those left to cherish Patricia's memory include Lt Col Michael Darling (USMCR) of Washington D.C.; Robyn, Christian, Brouquelle, Paul, and Jaime Deck of Crossville, TN; Tim, Sara, Matt, Emily, and Tommy Darling of Grand Island, NE; David Darling of Hastings, NE; and Mary Darling of Denver, CO; sister-in-law, Mary O'Brien of Cottage Grove, MN; and her honorary family, Donna and Jeff Wagner.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to Grand Island Central Catholic High School.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 W State St
Grand Island, NE 68801-3552
(308) 384-0532

Rosary

JUL 31. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Anna "Pat" Darling*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Rest in Peace sweet Pat. You were God's faithful servant. You will be missed on earth but I know you will be watching from above*

Julie - August 01, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ *Aunt Pat was not much older than me, so , at family gatherings, she would spend more time with the nieces and nephew's than with her much older brothers and sister.*

She always asked questions that made me search me feelings and was quick to share hers.

I know that she was dedicated to her family.

I did try to get her to travel to Ireland with my mother Mary and some of the nieces, but, did not succeed in that effort.

She will always be Aunt Pat.

Gone to soon, Steve O'Brien

Steve O'Brien - August 01, 2017 at 06:54 AM



My prayers and thoughts are with Patty's beautiful family. It was always a special treat for all of our families to get together. So many fond memories. Sorry we could not make it to the funeral. Patty will be missed. Liz (O'Brien) Beckman.

Liz (O'Brien) Beckman - August 01, 2017 at 09:12 PM

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“ *Angela BROMWICH lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anna "Pat" Darling*



Angela BROMWICH - July 31, 2017 at 06:46 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to Pat's family. It's been sometime that I had been in touch with Pat . She was a close friend she was very informed in child care and help me with the care of my children. She Will be dearly missed.*

Rebecca Morgan - July 30, 2017 at 06:31 PM

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“ *First, I want to offer my sincere sympathy to Pat's family and friends. I don't know how many of you know about the group her classmates called 64evers, but we held her in high esteem and loved her very much. I grew up and knew her through grade and high school. She lived one block south and one block east of me so we frequently walked to and from school together. She was quiet and shy and so was I, so we had a lot in common. One of the memories I have of her was when she would help me with my brother's paper route. She was such a giving, caring person. We drifted apart after we graduated but I thought of her often and was glad we reconnected after our 50th class reunion.*

Beth Klein Rupp - July 30, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ *Brenda Musquiz lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anna "Pat" Darling*



Brenda Musquiz - July 30, 2017 at 03:00 PM