



Patricia Owens

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Patricia (Fant) Owens went home to be with her family who had gone before her on August 23, 2024. Patricia was predeceased by her mother, Bertha (Morgan) Fant, her father, Gordon Fant, her granddaughter, Ashley Nicole Owens and her husband Kenneth Owens whom she married March 18, 1961.

Pat is survived by her children, David Owens, Donald Owens and his wife Lisa, Darren Owens, Brandi McKenzie and her wife Linsey, Michael Owens, Debbie Owens and Nancy Schaffer. Her many Grandchildren, Stephen, Derek, Alec, Maxwell, Haley, Donald and Holly Little. Pat has 8 great grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sister, Lynnette and Denny Smith, and her family from Texas, plus her nephew Chris Owens and family and her goddaughter Diane Watkins.

Patricia was born in Washington, DC, on April 17, 1943. After graduating from Northwood HS, she worked for the Federal Trade Commission. Pat, Kenny and their growing family moved to her longed for paradise, a farm in Sabillasville, MD. There a lifelong dream of raising horses was realized. Pat and Kenny became foster parents to several children and were named Foster Parents of the Year. She owned her own school bus for many years serving the community.

For 23 years, Pat worked at the Frederick County Board of Education followed by 10 years at Transit Services of Frederick County. She served on the Bd of Directors for the Dept. of Social Services, Chair of the Dept. of Aging, plus many other boards. She was appointed by Governor Erlich to the Commission for Women. In 2020, she realized another dream when her book, "Where is Michael's Brother", was published.

Patricia founded Solutions and Caregivers of MD. Working with Rick Weldon, legislator at the time, they were instrumental in passing legislation, Priority of Relatives as Caregivers. She co-founded Grandfamilies of America assisting with Federal legislation to help relative caregivers care for their loved ones. The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoption Act was



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passed unanimously by the House and Senate and signed into law helping all relative caregivers across the country.

Pat never lost her love of animals, adopting many dogs thru the years and sponsoring a rescue horse.

She will be laid to rest at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Frederick. Friday, August 30. Visitation from 10-12 with the funeral service at noon. Donations may be made in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue.



Events

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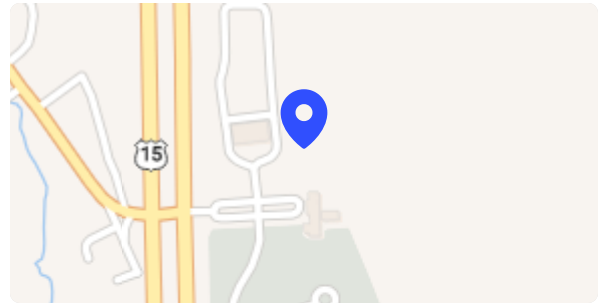
Visitation

Friday, August 30, 2024

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

Resthaven Funeral Home & Community Center

9501 Catoctin Mountain Highway, Frederick MD 21701



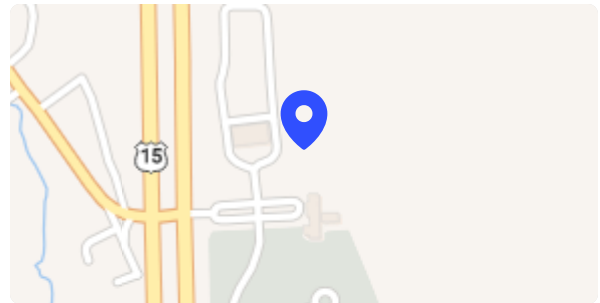
Celebration of Life

Friday, August 30, 2024

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

Resthaven Funeral Home & Community Center

9501 Catoctin Mountain Highway, Frederick MD 21701



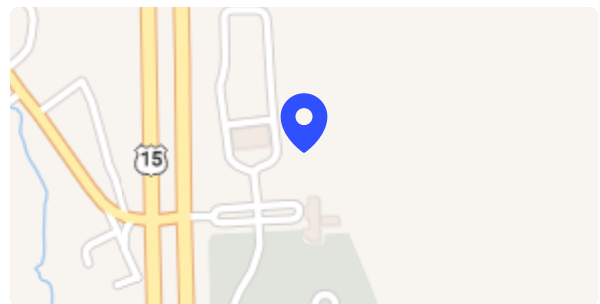
Burial

Friday, August 30, 2024

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

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9501 Catoctin Mountain Hwy, Frederick MD 21701





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Resthaven Memorial Gardens shared a **Webcast Video**.



August 30 at 9:40 AM



Lorraie Thomas posted:

I am so sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Pat will be greatly missed by all. She was the Kindness, Caring, Loving person I ever knew. She cared so much for the well being of Children and Families. She loved her dogs, they were her life in her later years. I know she was a wonderful mom, grandmother, sister, aunt and a friend. We will miss her and I pray for Peace for Pat and Peace for all the family. May God Bless you. Love Lorry and Mason

August 29 at 5:27 AM



Lorraine T. sent a sympathy card to the Owens family.



August 29 at 4:49 AM



Love Lorry And Mason sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Owens family.



August 29 at 4:09 AM



Love Lorry And Mason planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Patricia.



August 29 at 4:09 AM



Cindy Craver posted:

Our sincere condolences to the family. I met Pat years ago through Grandfamilies of America. Our grandsons became friends during that time. May friends and family find comfort and peace in memories shared. Cindy Craver

August 28 at 1:39 PM



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Mary Ann Croson sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Owens family.

August 28 at 5:20 AM



Mary Ann Croson planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Patricia.

August 28 at 5:20 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Owens family.

August 27 at 12:31 PM



Mary Lou Green lit a candle in honor of Patricia.

My sympathy to Pat family! I met her when she lived in rosemont!

August 27 at 9:35 AM



Diane Watkins posted:

Aunt Patty was my 'other-Mother' as we would say. No matter how far we lived from each other, we always had phone conversations, texts, and cards. She always supported me and encouraged me through every facet of my life. When I struggled, she reminded me how strong I was. I will miss her encouraging words and helping me see the other side of things. When her health was failing, I came home and helped her along with the other family members. It was my honor to give back a little piece of what she gave me. During our talks and quiet moments, she would tell me I was a wise woman, I reminded her that my strengths were contributed to her. I will miss her greatly.

August 27 at 4:18 AM



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With Love, Vicki Brown sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Owens family.

August 27 at 1:22 AM



With Love, Vicki Brown planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Patricia.

August 27 at 1:22 AM



Chloe Carter sent a virtual gift in honor of Patricia.

August 26 at 4:23 PM





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Mary Ann Croson August 30 at 8:15 AM

I'm watching from my home in Florida.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Patricia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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