



Patricia L. Gerber

June 10, 1932 - December 19, 2017

Patricia Louise Gerber, 85, of Bonita Springs, Florida, died December 19, 2017 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice. She was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 10, 1932, a daughter of the late George E. Smith and Ruth Johnston Smith.

Patricia was a devoted wife, loving mother, and proud grandmother. She received a Bachelor's degree in Education at the University of Minnesota, and a Master's in Educational Psychology from the University of Colorado. She was a second grade teacher and nominated for Minnesota Teacher of the Year. Later she became Director of Drug Education at Inver Grove Heights School System. She served as President of the Minnesota Chemical Dependency Association. In 1991 Patricia and Gerald moved to Florida. She was a great entertainer, cook and hosted several parties at her home. She was an avid sheller and won three trophies at the Sanibel Shell Show in 1999. She was much loved and will be dearly missed.

She is survived by husband Gerald Gerber, daughters Leigh Hansen and Lynne (Bart) Trench, and grandchildren Jack, Norah, and Ryanne Trench. She is also survived by her brother Dr. David (Phebe) Smith. In addition, Patricia is survived by five step-children and eight step-grandchildren. Patricia was preceded in death by her brother Richard Smith.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Bonita Springs, Florida, followed by a light lunch. Burial will occur in 2018 at St. Peters in Mendota, Minnesota. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Hope Hospice.

On line condolences may be made by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28290 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia L. Gerber*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I worked with Pat at Inver Grove Heights Middle School. A remarkable teacher and outstanding leader of the drug program. My sympathies to the family. Glenn Nelson*

Glenn Nelson - June 26, 2018 at 08:06 PM



“ *Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort and peace in fond memories of them, and the Almighty God's promise in the Bible to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth, and to swallow up death forever. (Isaiah 25:8)*

Greene's - December 29, 2017 at 06:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patricia L. Gerber.*



December 27, 2017 at 07:14 AM

JC

“ *My sympathies to all Pat's friends and family!
I loved Pat like a second mother and my own mother that has pass love her and thought of her as a saint!
We had lost contact with pat for so many years and we had tried on so many occasions to find her but came up empty with our search's!
It saddens my heart I was not able to thank her one more time!
See pat way back in 1978/1979 saved my life! Pure and simple!
When the world had given up on me and left me for dead! She picked me up brushed me off took me by the hand and showed me love and understanding! And would not give up on me! She looked past my faults and guilts and defects and showed hope where none was to be found!
The world wanted to lock me up throw away the key and forget about me and she showed me love!
In return I stood faithful to her! Defending her while other kids showed her disrespect and ran from her in fear! I would have gave her my life for saving mine!
See pat was my Drug councilor!
But more important she was my savior and my true friend!
When everyone walked away! Pat was their!
The lord knows I was knocking on deaths door!
Pat with her Angels wings flew to my side, wrapped me in those wings and saved my life and saved my soul!
I sobered up April 15 1979 my name is John Clancy and I am proud to say that with the grace of God and the love of pat I am still sober today 38 years later!
Jerry! I am so sorry for your loss!
The world truly lost a Angel! And my savior!
I will just end by saying, Pat thank you for saving my life!
I love you more than you would have ever known!
Rest well! Love John*

John Clancy - December 25, 2017 at 03:21 AM

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“ I worked with Pat at Simley High School---Inver Grove Heights. It is because of Pat's expertise, kindness and love that many lives were changed for the better. I will treasure those times with her forever..as will the others whose lives she has changed. Wendy Olson

Wendy Olson - December 23, 2017 at 08:18 PM