



Patricia Elizabeth Peterson

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Richmond, MN

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A Celebration of Life will be held at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Grace United Methodist Church in Paynesville, MN for Patricia Elizabeth Peterson, age 76, who died April 2 at The Waters of Edina Assisted Living surrounded by family and beloved caregivers. Inurnment will be at a later date in Iowa City, IA.

A gathering of relatives and friends will be held prior to the service from 2:00 to 3:45 p.m. at the church. A fellowship meal will follow the service. Arrangements are with Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring, MN.

Trish was born July 25, 1942 in Iowa City, IA to Gregory and Ruth (Green) Patterson. She married Sylvan Peterson on June 14, 1964 and together they raised two daughters. Trish graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor's degree from Mayville State College. She earned a Master's degree in Library Science from St. Cloud State University in 1979. Trish worked at Nekoma and Gackle High Schools in North Dakota; Lester Prairie and Kimball High Schools in Minnesota; and was Director of the Central MN Libraries Exchange. Trish was a member of ALA, AAUW, FEW, Friends of the Library,

Friends of the Great River Regional Library, MN Library Association, Cold Spring Lioness Club, the Red Hat Society, and Phi Delta Kappa. After being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2003, she became an active member and contributor to the Parkinson's Pipeline Project.

Trish was a true partner to her husband, Sylvan, of 55 years. She was a devoted mother, sister, and friend to many others. She will be remembered for her love of fishing and camping, her sense of humor, her strong work ethic, and her never-ending drive to be the best that she could be. Through her long battle with Parkinson's disease she endured with an uncomplaining strength and grace. She will be dearly missed.

Survivors include husband, Sylvan; daughters, Deborah (Damien) and Christine; grandchildren, Madison, Elizabeth, Max, and Noah; sisters, Jean Prybil and Susan Berry, as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Robert Patterson, brother-in-law, Gerald Prybil, sister-in-law Joanne (Smolak) Peterson; niece Kristen Peterson, and nephew, David Berry.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014 www.michaeljfox.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Elizabeth Peterson*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Patricia Elizabeth Peterson.*



May 02, 2019 at 11:01 AM



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April 29, 2019 at 09:49 PM

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“ Trish was dedicated to providing the best service possible to the patrons of the Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange. I saw her frequently as she cheerfully and relentlessly prowled the resources of SCSU's library looking for the materials and answers her clients in public schools and libraries sent to CMLE. Countless library users across our part of Minnesota benefitted (almost always anonymously) from her hard work. I was always proud to say that Pat and her work at CMLE were an important extension of our work there. I'm so sorry to see the news of her passing. But her family should be proud of the benefits her work brought to our community.
-- Luther I. Rotto, Professor Emeritus, St. Cloud State University

Luther Rotto - April 28, 2019 at 02:51 PM

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“ Sylvan and girls,

I am so sorry for your loss. She fought a good battle but Parkinson's is a terrible disease. Hopefully all your great memories will help you thru he tough times.

Penny and Timothy Spoden

Penny spoden - April 08, 2019 at 07:42 PM

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Sylvan and family. My deepest sympathy to you on Trish's passing. Keep all the great memories close during this difficult time..

Betty Larson

Betty Larson - April 08, 2019 at 09:11 PM

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Our deepest sympathy on the loss of a wonderful gal. May you treasure all the beautiful memories. She fought a good battle.
Ray JoAnn and family

JoAnn Schreiner - April 09, 2019 at 04:38 PM