



Patricia J. Hollenbeck

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Patricia Seims Hollenbeck, 91 of Waupaca, entered into eternal life on December 29, 2022. Pat was born in Milwaukee on August 7th, 1931 and spent her childhood there. She attended Marquette University for a year and then transferred to Mission House College (now Lakeland University) and graduated Summa Cum Laude. She met her future husband; Warren Hollenbeck at Mission House and they married in 1954. Pat worked as a High School English teacher for two years and then left to start a family. While the children were young, Pat became an active Den Mother. When her 3 children were older, she began work as a Public Librarian in New Holstein, WI. She quickly rose to Director of the Library and continued in that position until Warren's new job took him to Manawa in 1979. Pat and Warren moved to Waupaca and Pat began working at the Waupaca Public Library. She wrote a column for the newspaper highlighting Library News and founded a Book Club. She continued to be active in various Book Clubs throughout her life. Her love of reading and learning was central to her life.

Pat's involvement in the community was significant. She served on the Bethany Board, the Winchester Academy Board, and volunteered as a Red Cross volunteer and coordinator. Pat also trained and became a Stephen's Lay Minister during her years with the United Methodist Church in Waupaca. She was also a dedicated reader for the Blind. In later years, Pat became a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and actively participated in all facets of church worship and service.

Pat was predeceased by her parents, John & Florence Seims, her infant sister, Beverly, her infant daughter, Kim, and her husband, Warren Hollenbeck. Pat is survived by her 3 children, Scott (Dawn) Hollenbeck of Meeker, CO, Heidi (Joe) Buzzanga of Holmdel, NJ, and Todd (Jennifer) Hollenbeck of Neenah, WI. Grandchildren include: Kara Hollenbeck, Brett Buzzanga, Allison(Kieran) Buzzanga Toner, Jordan Hollenbeck (Ben Abendroth), Christopher(Elizabeth)Holdren and Lydia



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Armbruster(Justin Seehawer); and great-grandchildren: Aliyah & Atlas Seehawerand, Margaret & Alexander Holdren as well as many extended family and friends.

Pat will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, mentor, and friend. Her caring, generous spirit will be cherished by all who she befriended and loved including cats and cranes. She will be deeply missed by family and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday March 4, 2023 at 11am at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Waupaca. A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday March 4, 2023 from 10am until the time of the service at 11am at the church.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established at St. Mark's 415 S. Main St. Waupaca, WI 54981.



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Memorial Gathering


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 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

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JB

Jacci And Dave Barnhart posted:

My family met Pat and Skip as members of the United Methodist Church. They were both such special, warm and loving people. After Skip's passing, Pat continued to be an active person at both the church and the community. Seeing her at the library was always a joy. Later in life, Pat was an active part of Bread Basket where again our friendship and bond strengthened. She was a giving person in so many ways, her stories and wisdom always welcomed. During the past year, my mother/wife became ill with ALS and was unable to attend Bread Basket but our relationship with Pat continued. She called regularly to check in how my mother/wife was doing, sent cards with words of encouragement, made food for my mom/wife to eat, and made special opportunities for my family to make those last cherished memories. She touched so many lives and lived with true grace and meaning. Pat will be missed by my dad and I so very much but I also know that she has been welcomed with open arms by those that have passed on before her. She was an angel on earth and now an angel in our hearts. Our deepest sympathies to the Hollenbeck family, Jacci and Dave Barnhart

March 3 at 4:42 AM

GE

Gwen L Ebert posted:

Pat was my mother's lifelong friend. They grew up together in Milwaukee and knew one another's childhood and adult families, keeping in touch until my mother's death. After that, Pat and I exchanged lively conversations about the friend/ mother we both missed, but also about books and writing. She was important to me as someone whose Christianity was open-minded and whose life was directed by her love for people, as it was for sharing her keen sense of humor, wit, wisdom, and dedication to her community. I am so grateful to have known her better in these last few years; my goal is to age with the grace and impact on others she shared as long as she was with us.

January 24 at 7:27 AM

MG

Mary Jo Goldsmith lit a candle in honor of Patricia.

I can't say how much I will miss her. She was the perfect friend and a wonderful person. There for everyone, always.

January 23 at 11:50 AM





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JL

J Ingrid Lesley posted:

I met Pat, 1999, in my Main Street antiques & collectibles shop on a Saturday. Pat's Truth -so special, a very rarity- was to support every child, youth, & family- she, a Humanitarian, lent in every possible way her support to our public needs with honoraria, on all topics A-Z. A doer, she gathered ingredients, then prepared and delivered meals to friends and neighbors. A busy lady Pat found time to bake cookies! Serving her church, Pat sang alto in choir, ever lovingly loyal to her family and friends, to Waupaca's Food Pantry - yes! - in one year, 1,000 pounds of food collected. Pat- always alertly open to the changes today, to current ideas- mastered digital devices, to connect during Covid-19. Pat, the librarian to the end, found ways to keep informed those in need, for the food & the information to live and feel better, Reader Pat - became the book-sharer to everyone! keen on fiction to poetry. Pat supported Readers! She tutored. Pat the Forever- Volunteer kept shelves tidy - organized by category- in Library's book sale room. Pat's efforts were huge in outreach to the Waupaca community. She made the difference! Pat, this one precious person! No way ever will her volunteering be met! all the tasks needing her thoughtfulness and commitment of time! Herself, Pat, so petite, tiny, short, and in outreach to Waupaca- her actions touched everyone of us in Waupaca. Pat -a fashionista, had style! From her earrings to her shoes! Pat adopted a shelter kitty, Katrina, named for the New Orleans flooding, the cat possessed a timid personality. I never saw Katrina, but I knew Katrina lived her long years in sweet comfort with her beloved mistress. The cranes and deers - daily visitors- gathered to be fed- they came to Pat's windows to look to see if she was indeed at home & to share their morning greetings of hello with her. Pat was the sister I didn't have. We celebrated our birthdays for 20 years! Pat lived kindness, generosity, openness to new ways & fresh ideas. A conversation with Pat: an encounter so wonderful! I am so shockingly saddened, to miss this very gentle dearest soul. J Ingrid Lesley January 19, 2023.

January 16 at 11:45 AM

TH

Tina Hollenbeck posted:

Among the many lovely extended Hollenbeck family members whom I've had the joy of knowing for the 30 years since I married Pat's nephew Jeff, Pat was absolutely one of my favorites! She was the epitome of grace and class and always, always made me feel as if I'd been part of the family for my entire life. I will remember her smile and sweet laugh for many years.

January 18 at 7:19 AM



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JS

Joleen Sterk posted:

Pat was a wonderful mentor and friend to many. She inspired me to become a better librarian and human being. She shared her love of reading with all who crossed her path, and worked with grace and compassion. The world has lost a vibrant light, but she will continue to shine on in memory. You have my deepest condolences. Joleen Conlan Sterk - Waupaca Public Library Children's librarian, 1993

January 17 at 8:24 AM



Nancy Hollenbeck posted:

Such an amazing person! Quick to smile and laugh, wise, kind and always full of grace. She will be so missed in many corners of the globe.

January 16 at 3:16 PM

CC

Cheryl Coe posted:

Pat was also a devoted helper for Waupaca's Bread Basket program which provides a free meal each Tuesday for anyone in the community who needs some help. For many years, Pat helped get the tables ready along with making special decorations for each season. Later when we had to change to carry out meals due to Covid restrictions, Pat continued to help with some food preparation and boxing up the meals. She was a joy to work with and a great friend to all. She will truly be missed. ❤️

January 16 at 11:45 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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