



## Patricia Marlene Ardueser

May 8, 1951 - January 19, 2014

Patricia Marlene Ardueser, "Munchkin or Patty to her family" was born May 8, 1951, to Otto A. Ardueser and Esther M.A. Ardueser. She transitioned to heaven on January 19, 2014. Patty was born with Down's syndrome which affected her speech primarily. Through the grace of God and the love and determination of her family and friends, Patricia didn't let anything hold her back. She attended the Easter Seal Center, Gateway Rehabilitation Center now Foothills Gateway Rehabilitation Center for over fifty years. She participated in Girl Scouts; Special Olympics both bowling and track and field; CSU swimming program; and monthly Dances provided by the Recreation Center. For a number of years she worked in the "Workshop" at Foothills Gateway doing detail work for different companies. Her meticulous work was her strong suit. She later was moved to the "Retirement" area after Alzheimer's set in.

Some of Patricia's favorite things were the American Flag, the BRONCOS, bowling, dancing, music of all kinds, especially Lawrence Welk, golfing, fishing, helping with clerical work, latch hook work, watching Matlock and Columbo, being around little children, especially babies, and above all being with her family and friends. Many of Patricia's accomplishments have been due to her encouragement and love of her mother, Esther Ardueser. Patricia had a way of endearing herself to anyone she met. She taught every member of her family the real meaning of love, patience, and determination. She had a wonderful sense of humor and in her younger days was quite an imaginative

storyteller. She will be missed by many. She is survived by her mother, Esther Ardueser; two sisters - Judith Callicotte Del of Utah and Karen Oenning of Fort Collins; one brother – Allan Ardueser of Denver; and many extended family members. She was preceded in death by her father, Otto A. Ardueser; her brother, Donald A. Ardueser; and her nephew, Brian P. Oenning. The family would like to express a special thank you to the staff at Foothills Gateway for the many years of love, caring, and learning experiences extended to Patricia throughout her life. We would also like to express our appreciation to the Staff of the Fort Collins Health Care Center for the individual care and love extended to Patricia as she transitioned out of this life. Those who wish may view Patricia from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 531 S. College. Interment will follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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*“ Karen, I know there is a hole in your heart for Patricia. She must have been an inspiration to you and your family. Know that my arms embrace you with sympathy.*

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**Sandy Walker/ FCHS 1962** - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

*“ Patty was always an inspiration to myself always so full of unconditional love. She was a wonderful great-aunt to my children. I miss her bright eyes, sweet smile, brave and fantastic spirit very much.*

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**CeLena, Seth, & Arielle Callicotte** - January 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NC

*“ Karen and Esther, I am so sorry to hear of Patty's passing. My prayers go out to you and your family. Thank God for all the precious memories. May God Bless you all with his strength and peace to get through this season.*

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**Nora Cruz** - January 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

*“ My family and I are saddened by Patty's passing. May your happy memories sustain you. She was very special.*

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**Laurette May** - January 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ I remember Patty best from her sweet smile and quiet voice when I complimented her on wearing her pink kitty shirts and blue bingo sweatshirts at Fort Collins Bingo Planet. I was always impressed that she liked and was able to play bingo, since my daughter is not. I was sad to hear that she was declining when I no longer saw her at Loveland bingo, but was encouraged when Karen said she was improving. I am so sorry that Patty had to leave you, Esther and Karen, but I'm very sure that she is "up there" smiling down on you and saying it's okay. Take care of yourselves.

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**Natalie Balchak** - January 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I am very sad to hear that Patty passed away. I have many fond memories of spending time at the cabin and fishing with her. We used to ride our bikes up and down the old highway in front of the cabin. I will miss her very much. Grandma and Karen I am so sorry for your loss. I love you both very much.

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**Marvin R. Callicotte** - January 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I remember how much Patty enjoyed seeing the horses and how she loved to help during the wreath sales. She always seemed happy and would give big hugs. Karen and Ester, you've been through so much, yet I know you'll be strong because that is just you. So many people have been able to count on you both over the years. Your whole family has been a blessing for the community.

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**Brigitte Schmidt** - January 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ We will always remember how sweet and loving Patty was; she was a friend to everyone. We grieve with you. Norm & Shirley Partch

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**Shirley Partch** - January 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

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**Carolyn and Jane Goodwin** - January 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *I am writing for my brother Tony Pieza. Patty was the first friend he made when he came to Foothills Gateway in the late 70's. Their friendship meant the world to him and he will never forget what a sweet special person she was. Tony sends his love to Patty's mom Esther and all of Patty's family.*

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**Fran Bowen** - January 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ *May she rest in peace. Virginia Brauch*

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**V Brauch** - January 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM