



Patricia Lee Forney

November 2, 1929 - January 28, 2024

Patricia Lee Forney (Pat), long time Fort Collins resident and beloved wife of Jack Donovan Forney passed away January 28, 2024, in Fort Collins in the presence of five generations of her family.

Pat was born in Lytton, Iowa, to Lee Frank Effner and Lucille Effner on November 2, 1929. She moved to Fort Collins as a young child and has remained here all her life. Her father was tragically killed when she was 10 years old and the family struggled through the Depression Years overcoming the difficulties of the time. She graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1947.

She married her high school sweetheart, Jack Donovan Forney, on May 15, 1949. Later that year, they moved to Des Moines, Iowa, to set up Forney Distributing, a company that distributed Forney products to states in the eastern portion of the United States. This was an ambitious endeavor for two young newlyweds. While in Des Moines, two daughters, Cheryl and Vanessa were born. The family relocated back to Fort Collins late in 1953 where Jack managed the manufacturing plant of Forney Industries.

Pat and Jack were dedicated to their church, LifePointe Church. They had been continuously active at LifePointe since they were teenagers when it was known as First Baptist on Remington Street in Fort Collins. Pat served with the Sunday School and Bible School programs for years. She was a Pioneer Girls leader and was always up for some adventure with the girls including camping and a memorable field trip to San Francisco with teenagers during

the Haight Ashbury years. She also met faithfully every Monday afternoon with the committee that counted the offerings.

Jack and Pat were involved with several ministry organizations such as Child Evangelism, Good News Clubs, Global Connections, International, and Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU). Their involvement in spreading the gospel has been their passion.

Pat was a longtime member of Beta Sigma Phi and served that organization for nearly 67 years. She held several offices and even planned state conventions.

Pat enjoyed decorating cakes and produced many wedding cakes in her time. Several county fairs in Colorado invited her to judge cakes for them. She also spent many hours working in and enjoying her yard. Her flower beds were always bright and colorful.

Survivors include daughters Cheryl Klinker of Wellington, Colorado, and Vanessa Forney of Lompoc, California. Pat loved her granddaughters Carey Tritle and husband, Jason, of Alliance, Nebraska, and Christina Townsend and husband Ashley, of Wellington, Colorado. Their families include five great grandchildren, Caitlyn Tritle Hill and husband Keagan of Omaha, Nebraska; Cayla Tritle of Lincoln, Nebraska; Cameron Tritle of Omaha, Nebraska; Melissa Townsend Thrush and husband Connor of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and Sgt. Matthew Townsend USMC and wife Carma of Farmington, Minnesota. Also included are two step grandsons, Jon Klinker and his wife, Lisa, and two great grandsons Jordan and Jace, and Aaron Klinker, all of Laramie Wyoming. The family is blessed with Pat's great-great granddaughters, Amelia Jillaine Townsend, daughter of Sgt. Matt and Carma Townsend and Maizie Grace, daughter of Connor and Melissa Thrush. Pat is also survived by her sister Jo Huffman and husband Curt, of Conifer, Colorado, and son Jerry; sister-in-law Marsha Effner of Windsor, Colorado and sons Mike and Scott Effner; and sister-in-law, Donna Forney, of Fort Collins and her children Steve Anderson and wife, Terri, and family, and Jan Mowery and husband, Brian, and family.

A funeral service will be held 1 pm, Friday, February 2, 2024 at LifePointe Church, 900 E. Prospect. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery. The service may be live streamed at this address <https://vimeo.com/event/4058012/26c44717a1>

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to consider the following organizations as memorials: LifePointe Church, Global Connections, International and Campus Crusade for Christ.

LifePointe Church
<https://sharethelife.org>

Global Connections International
<https://gciworld.org>

Campus Crusade for Christ
www.cru.org

Forney Museum of Transportation
www.forneymuseum.org

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

LifePointe Church
900 E. Prospect Road
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Try this again! I was saddened to hear of Pat's passing; she was a lovely mother and woman in our Fort Collins community. I remember her fondly from Putnam and Poudre HS days. Our mothers were a great bunch, weren't they? We are thinking of you and your families. Fondly, Julie Pavel Haffner

Julie Johnson Haffner - February 06, 2024 at 12:13 PM

CK

Hello, Julie. Thank you for your encouraging comments.

Cheryl Klinker - February 07, 2024 at 02:39 PM

KS

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers. The Forney Family were very close friends to the Shirey Family. We had so many adventures together. Remembering these special times keeps our loved ones with us forever. Take care of yourselves. If you are in the Greensboro, GA area let us know. Love, Dr. Karen Kruse Shirey

Karen Shirey - February 04, 2024 at 08:21 AM

CK

It's so good to hear from you!

Cheryl Klinker - February 04, 2024 at 07:45 PM

SJ

“ Pat taught me cake decorating. We had great fun, especially eating the mistakes I made. We've known each other for years, but unfortunately we lost track of each other. She was a wonderful lady, and she will be missed by me and many others. Sincerely Sharon Jensen

sharon jensen - February 03, 2024 at 01:16 PM

CK

Thank you!

Cheryl Klinker - February 04, 2024 at 07:47 PM

JH

“ *I never had the privilege to know Mrs. Forney but I feel kindred to her. I'm the education Coordinator at the Forney Museum. I see the costumes she wore and how she loved the parades and what part she played at the museum and I have love for her spirit. Ever the supportive wife and mother, she was in her own right a fun and beautiful soul. Thank you Pat for my job and for all you did here, and my condolences to your entire family.*



Jennifer Holm - February 02, 2024 at 03:03 PM

CK

Thank you. We appreciate your support.

Cheryl Klinker - February 04, 2024 at 07:48 PM

VF

“ *2 files added to the album Pat Forney*



Vanessa Forney - February 02, 2024 at 01:31 PM

LN

“ I'll never forget that smile. Pat was such a part of my life at "First Baptist Church". We worked together in Pioneer Girls, ran the church's VBS program together for a couple of years. She was a hard worker at whatever she attempted. Her service for her Lord was lifelong. I am sure she is rejoicing in heaven with her beloved husband, Jack, and the many who were brought to the Lord by her ministry.

Linda Norman - February 01, 2024 at 09:19 AM

MW

“ Cheryl and Vanessa, I was heartbroken when I saw where your Mother passed away.. She left many of us with many things to remember her by.

Marjorie Winter - January 31, 2024 at 03:55 PM

KA

“ Cheryl and Vanessa: I'm so sorry to see your Mom's obituary. My brother Gary and I have very fond memories of our growing up years, spending time with your family. Your Mom was a very sweet, compassionate woman and we always felt welcome in your home. And we always had fun!

In my recent working life, I crossed paths with your Mom and Dad through Pathways Hospice. They invited me to speak to their church members regarding hospice services. It was wonderful to reconnect with them.

I know our mothers were best friends growing up. One of my sweetest memories was a visit your Mom and Kay Ghent made to my Mom just before my Mom died. The three women shared tons of memories. They laughed, joked, cried. I just sat in the background and embraced the experience. Our Moms were very special women. I know you will miss your Mom very much.

I'm sorry to miss her service Friday, I will be out of town. And just so you both know, my wonderful brother Gary died October 26.

Kathy Brooks Anderson

Kathy Anderson - January 31, 2024 at 01:34 PM

BA

I golfed with Pat on the City Park Nine Golf League years ago. She was such a sweet, sweet lady. Praise Jesus she is with him now. 🙏

Betty Aris - February 01, 2024 at 09:57 PM



Pat was a great friend of my mom and was a fixture in my early years. I send condolences to the Forney family on her passing. I'm also out of town and I am sorry to miss the service. May God comfort all of the family at this time.

Jim Burrill - February 02, 2024 at 05:27 PM