



Patricia Ann Harper

January 24, 2011 - January 24, 2011

Patricia Ann Harper passed away January 24, 2011 at home in Fort Collins after losing a long battle with leukemia. She was born the youngest of three girls to Hugh S. and Blanche V. Kennedy on April 23, 1936 in Des Moines, IA. She attended public school in Des Moines and following her graduation from Roosevelt HS in 1954, she continued her education at Iowa State University. She received her BS degree in 1958 in Food and Nutrition with a major in Dietetics. Immediately after graduation she married Judson M. Harper whom she had known since age 10. They lived in Ames, IA while he attended graduate school and she worked as a dietitian in the Boone County Hospital, Boone, IA. In 1964, she moved to Minneapolis, MN when her husband took a research position with General Mills, Inc. In 1970, her family moved to Fort Collins when her husband joined the CSU engineering faculty. In addition to keeping busy raising three sons, she became involved with the university, the boy's schools and church where she formed many long term friends. In 1978, the family went on a year long sabbatical in Israel, an experience which heightened her interest in international travel, different cultures and new adventures. When her boys became older, she returned to work outside the home serving in clerical positions for a travel agency and for Shelter Care, a youth services organization. Pat was a wonderful wife and partner of 52 years, always supportive of her family's interests and needs. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother giving encouragement and support that molded young lives. She was a member of the CSU Women's

Association, Delta Zeta Alumnae, Fort Collins Service League and the Iowa State University Alumni Association. Music was a special enjoyment and she attended the Fort Collins Symphony and other musical events. CSU athletics was an interest and she attended most of the CSU football, volleyball, and basketball games along with the special trips to bowl games and tournaments as a Ram Fan. As a member of the First United Methodist Church for over 40 years, she participated on many committees, was a Stephen Minister and an active participant in the Women of Worth group. Pat loved to walk and her routine was to meet a friend and take a three mile walk nearly every morning, weather permitting. International travel was a special interest and she enjoyed trips with her husband and a sister to locations around the world. Closer to home, she loved camping in the family's travel trailer, automobile trips, spending time at the family cabin near Winter Park, playing bridge, reading a good book, book clubs, playing games with her grandchildren and solving crossword puzzles. Pat is survived by her husband, Judson of Fort Collins; her son Jayson and wife Marilyn of State College, PA; son Stuart and wife Sally of Lancaster, WI and son Neal and wife Karolyn of New Castle, CO; her six grandchildren Paul and wife Megan of Greensboro, NC; Thomas and wife Valerie of Buffalo, NY; Matthew of Madison, WI and Erin of Lancaster, WI and Cole and Gage of New Castle, CO; and one great granddaughter, Kennedy of Greensboro, NC. She was preceded in death by her two older sisters, Frances Short and Phyllis Miller. A service to celebrate her life will be held at First United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover St. at 11:00am on Saturday, February 5, 2011 in the church's sanctuary followed by a reception at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations to her memory can be made to the Food Bank for Larimer County, CSUF for the Colorado State University Women's Association General Scholarship Fund, the Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra Association or the charity of your choice in care of the Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 West Olive, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

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“ We were so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. Our condolences to you and your family. We will miss seeing her out and about the neighborhood and at church. Len & Carolyn Lumar

Len & Carolyn Lumar - February 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Our condolences to all the family of Pat Harper. She was a terrific person with so many interests and activities.

Jim & Kim Durand - February 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Dear Jud, Joyce and I send our thanks for being able to know you two wonderful people. You both have brightened our lives and we will miss seeing her and are saddened for your loss. Joyce and I grew up together as you did with Pat, and I know Pat was your partner and your career was because of her support for you as well as the wonderful life she gave to everyone who knew her. Our sincere condolences to you and your family. Bob Everittshow goer

Pat Harper - February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Jud, we were so sorry to read about Pat, she was a special lady and she will be missed by many. We are in Cancun, MX and won't be home for several weeks. Our love and prayers go out to you and your family. Love Ren and Sharon Jensen

Ren & Sharon Jensen - February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“*Jud, I'm sorry to hear of your loss! Please know that many prayers and thoughts are coming your way. I wish for you a time when you can sit & smile about the many wonderful memories & times of laughter you & Pat had together. Pat Spooner @ CSU*

Pat Spooner - January 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“*Judd, We want you to know that we are thinking of you, and you are in our prayers. Pat was a beautiful person, and she will be greatly missed. The world was a more wonderful place to be because of her and I am thankful for the opportunity to know her. The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they are gone. ~George Elliot Peace and Love Abby, Joel, Jack and Paul Kershaw*

abby and joel kershaw - January 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“*Dear Jud and Harper Family: We can not stop thinking about what a wonderful person Pat Grandma Harper was. We are so happy that she got to visit with Kennedy, her name sake and we will think of her often when we say her name. There are so many wonderful memories that we are sure will help you through this difficult time. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Marlin and Shelly Weaver - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM