

In Loving Memory

Patricia Mae Kuiper, the daughter of Albert and Mildred (Rusten) Anderson, was born on January 29, 1939, in La Grande township, MN. Pat grew up in the Alexandria area where she was baptized in 1939 and confirmed in 1954 at First Lutheran Church in Alexandria. She attended School District #83 until the 6th grade and then graduated from Central High School in 1957.

After high school, Pat moved to the Minneapolis area for a short time before moving back to Alexandria. She married Thomas Franzen and four children were born to this union, William, Kathryn, Robert, and Jennifer. She then began to work Phelps and Ness Accounting firm for the next 43 years before she retired.

Pat married Douglas Kuiper on July 20, 1985. Together they lived in Alexandria and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Pat also enjoyed tending to her flower gardens, making lefsa and rosettes, knitting, and being very active at First Lutheran Church.

A few of Pat's characteristics would include, charismatic, thoughtful, good listener and that she always had a smile on her face. She loved her family dearly, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She would often attend their school and sporting events. She will be missed by those who knew and loved her.

Patricia M. Kuiper died on Sunday, July 26, 2020, at Bethany on the Lake at the age of 81 years old. She is survived by her husband Doug Kuiper of Alexandria; sons, Bill Franzen of Alexandria and Bob (Alicia) of Osakis; daughters, Kay Franzen (Randy Goestch) (Jake and Kady Goestch) of Andover and Jennifer (Mike) Kiewel of Zimmerman, MN; daughter in law, Marsha Franzen of Alexandria; grandchildren, Stephanie (Tim) Balgaard, Carlee (Zac) Beireis, Ryan Franzen (fiancé, Brooke Nelson), Avery Franzen (fiancé, Riley Paulsen), Zack Franzen, Regan Kiewel, and Rylee Kiewel; great grandchildren, Bennett Balgaard and Ariana Balgaard; sisters Alice (Richard) Huhn of Hawthorne, CA, Rosemarie (Edward) McDonald of Tulsa, OK, and Diane Anderson of Plymouth; Step-children, Richard (Patricia) Kuiper of Rochester, Catherine (Jim) Catlow of Coulee Dam, WA, Liz (Jason) Ellington of Parkland, FL, James (Heidi) Kuiper of Savage, and Tom (Denise) Kuiper of Sibley, IA. Pat was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Maxine Aga.



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1939 - 2020

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.*

He knew that you were suffering.

He knew you were in pain.

*He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

Celebrating the Life of

Patricia Mae Kuiper

January 29, 1939 † July 26, 2020

Funeral Service

Anderson Funeral Home Chapel

Alexandria, Minnesota

Thursday, July 30, 2020

11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend Kari van Wakeren

Organist

Randy Morken

Reader

Richard Kuiper

Soloist

Paula Odland

Casket Bearers

(All of Patricia's Grandchildren)

Zack Franzen Avery Franzen

Ryan Franzen Stephanie Balgaard

Regan Kiewel Rylee Kiewel

Carlee Beireis

Honorary Casket Bearers

Steve Waller John Nygard

Barry Ness Danny Ness

The late Dan Ness

Concluding Service

Evergreen Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota



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