

Patricia "Pat" Ann Fuchs

Patricia Ann (Baszler, Schwalbe) Fuchs was born on March 17, 1939, to Jacob and Katherina (Huber) Baszler, at the home of an uncle and aunt, Jake and Emma (Baszler) Huber, in Hazen, ND. She was the eighth of nine children. After the death of her mother, when Pat was 5, she and a younger sister, age 2, were legally adopted and raised by the two oldest sisters and their spouses. She graduated from Hazen High School in 1957, after which she was employed by Oliver Mercer Electric Cooperative. On August 16, 1958, she was united in marriage to Milton Fuchs, at the English Lutheran Church in Hazen. Five children were born to this union. They first lived in Wimbleton, ND; then Valley City, ND; and then in 1971 moved to Wahpeton, where she has since resided.

Once the children were in school, Pat again worked outside the home, holding various positions. She was last employed as a secretary at NDSCS, first in the Alumni Office, and later in the President's Office. She retired in 2002 after 23 years of service.

Pat was a cancer survivor.

Pat was proud of her children and their accomplishments. She was most proud of all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. To her, they were the "frosting on the cake". Holidays were always special. When the crew gathered, food was plentiful, board games were played, and music was enjoyed.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, Breckenridge, MN. She served as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society (including Relay for Life events), the Missoula Children's Theatre, the United Way, and others. When her children were young, she served as a Room Mother, a Cub Scout Den Leader, and assisted with Girl Scout projects. Her hobbies included reading, crocheting and knitting.

Pat is survived by two sons, Jay (Travis), St. Paul, MN; Lance (Mary), Bismarck, ND; a daughter, Susan (Terry) Braun, Eagle Lake, MN; a son-in-law, Monty Krause, Breckenridge, MN; eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, Erika (Brady Bogenreif) Fuchs and children, Tavin, River, Hollis, and Iris; Erin Fuchs; Trista Fuchs (Jim) Mohr and children, Jordan, Ariana, and Logan; Brandon (Stephanie Ehlers) Krause and children, Milo, Aver and Etta; Britney Braun (Ryan) Seuffer; Nicole Fuchs (Ginny) Stoe; Sarah Fuchs (Matt) Omodt, and son, Colton; and Abby Braun (Brandon Davis). Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Milton; daughter, Carmen Krause; son, Lee Fuchs; her parents, and her siblings – four brothers, Edwin, Leonard, Barney and Wally, and four sisters, Rea, Alma, Alice andCarolynn; two nephews and three nieces also preceded her in death.

The family prefers memorials be made to the local Hospice, Roger Maris Cancer Center, American Cancer Society, or a charity of choice. The family would also like to thank all of the dedicated caregivers. Obituary written by Pat's loving family.





In Loving Memory of
Patricia "Pat" Ann Fuchs



Order of Service

4:00 PM - Saturday, June 11, 2022 - Vertin-Munson Funeral Home

THE **BEST** AND
MOST **BEAUTIFUL** THINGS
IN THE **WORLD** CANNOT
BE **SEEN** OR EVEN
TOUCHED, THEY
MUST BE **FELT** WITH
THE **HEART**.

-HELEN KELLER



- Prelude and Procession of the Family Mary Jane Pauly, piano
- Welcome and Opening Remarks Colette Barton
- Solo *Edelweiss (Pat's favorite song)*
Soloist, Erin Fuchs, Jay Fuchs, piano
- Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Read by Trista Mohr
- Solo *In the Garden*
Soloist, Amber Bogenreif, Mary Jane Pauly, piano
- Remembering the Life of Pat Fuchs Read by Erika Fuchs
- Solo *The Rose (Pat's favorite flower)*
Soloist, Amber Bogenreif, Mary Jane Pauly, piano
- Poem *Where the Sidewalk Ends (Pat liked this one)*
Read by Britney Seuffer
- Solo *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*
Soloist, Erin Schwab, Jay Fuchs, piano
- Meditation *Coming Home*
Recording by Lee Fuchs
- Closing Prayer Colette Barton
- Recessional and Postlude Mary Jane Pauly, piano

The Committal Service will take place at Fairview Memorial Gardens immediately following the service. Those remaining at the funeral home are invited to lunch and refreshments and will be rejoined by family after the service.