



Patsy Kay Collins

May 21, 1937 - October 3, 2020

Patsy Kay Collins,

83, passed peacefully on the morning of October 3, 2020, with her husband Jack Stanley Collins by her side at their home in Hoosier Village. They recently celebrated 50 years of a loving and passionate marriage on June 20, 2020.

Patsy (Pat) was born on May 21, 1937 in Huntington, West Virginia to Claire and Flora Brewer. She moved with her family to Indianapolis and graduated from Butler University, launching her exemplary career as a much loved schoolteacher. Teaching was Patsy's passion and included many years at Grandview and Crooked Creek Elementary Schools, adult education programs, English-as-a-second-language and curriculum development mostly in Indianapolis, and then Philadelphia, and Kokomo. In Philadelphia, she enjoyed a position at the Franklin institute with experimental teaching practices, became an international family liaison for new Philadelphia families, and served on the Mayor's Commission of Literacy. Her mentorship involved much more than just the daily lesson and often resulted in close, long-term relationships with her students. Pat was active in several churches and charities throughout her life including Habitat for Humanity, Stephen's Ministries, Boys and Girls Club, Church of the Savior, and many others. Her heart for Jesus was evident in everything she did. She placed her faith and family at the center of her life, and shared her passion for her Christian faith with many. Jack and Pat met and married at the Church of the Savior, and

then shared a life of service throughout their marriage as church elders, serving on task forces, hosting bible studies, and many other roles in the church. Pat cherished relationships and was quick to make new friends throughout her life, and sent many beautifully written notes to them with thoughtful words of love and encouragement. She enjoyed attending the symphony, visiting botanical gardens, strolling with an ice cream cone, enjoying tea with friends, staying in touch with her Pi Phi Sorority Sisters, celebrating at family gatherings, cheerleading at Purdue and Butler games, and anything involving chocolate. She was best known for being gracious and kind to everyone who crossed her path.

Pat is survived by her husband, Jack Collins; and five children, Cindy George (Craig), Blaine Collins (Flora), Lisa Hanger (Larry), Jeff Townsend (Theresa) and Steve Townsend. She was predeceased by three beloved sisters, Claire Marie Verwer (Joe), Nancy Bell Franklin (Al), and Gay Louise Burnside (David).

Visitation will be Friday, October 16, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN. Seating will be limited due to COVID. A Tribucast will be available for those that cannot attend in person at <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/93175360>. The broadcast will be available at 2:00 p.m. Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Jack & Patsy Collins Charitable Fund with the Christian Church Foundation, P.O. 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986. Attn: Jack and Patsy Collins Charitable Fund (800-668-8016). This fund helps support Bethany College's Timothy Fund, Week of Compassion, and Disciples Home Missions of the Christian Church.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton Memorial Park

4180 Westfield Road
Noblesville, IN 46062

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
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Memorial Service

OCT **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - October 19, 2020 at 01:32 PM

“One of Mom’s favorite scriptures was ...
“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!”
Seems rather ordinary at first but this really is a remarkable way to sum up many of Mom’s most cherished characteristics. First, she put God at the forefront of her thoughts for the day, Secondly, she rejoiced in every day, and Thirdly she had a thankful heart for that day. If we were to “un-pack” that a bit more it looks like this: FAITH, JOY and GRATEFULNESS.

Her Christian faith was strong. It was contagious, but not pushy. She lived out her faith in so many ways. She offered unconditional love to everyone that crossed her path. She placed her faith and family at the center of her life, sharing her Christian faith with many. Jack and Pat shared a life of service throughout their marriage as church elders, serving on task forces and many other roles. Pat was active in several churches and charities throughout her life including Habitat for Humanity, Stephen’s Ministries, Boys and Girls Club, and Church of the Savior where she met and married Jack. With their marriage in 1970, Jack arrived in her life with a powerful and joyous new beginning. Mom made this an incredibly easy, even natural, transition for me and all the kids. I now became one of Patsy’s 5 children, number 4 now of 5, based on age. But then, Mom never cared much for the hierarchy of age or our differences. She was more interested in what we had in common and how to make us closer as siblings and as a family. She embraced each child as her own, without favoritism or expectations for each of us, pouring out her unconditional love on each one of us. As Patsy, Pat, Grandma, Sister, Daughter, friend, and Mom, she led a life full of love and compassion for others. She often put others’ needs ahead of her own finding great joy in helping those around her. Her compassion for others started with her family; but, extended well beyond the household including participation in food bank deliveries to inner city poor, counseling young women at the Indiana Girls School, mission trips through the church, and teaching language to immigrants, not to forget, her amazing career as a well-loved schoolteacher.

Her secret recipe for life was based on the two commandments that Jesus shared with us; "Love thy neighbor as thy self" and "Love GOD with all your heart." Many of you in this room, or watching this message, have experienced her unconditional love firsthand with that sweet twinkle in her eyes. She was always quick to listen, love you without judgement, and encourage you with her thoughtful words.

Jeffrey Allen Townsend - October 19, 2020 at 09:42 AM



*I loved that she sang this verse in the morning and on Sundays as we drove to church! Such a Joyful soul. I love her.
(Theresa Townsend)*

Theresa Townsend - October 23, 2020 at 12:58 PM

JT

“ 76 files added to the album Pat's Photos



Jeffrey Allen Townsend - October 19, 2020 at 09:36 AM

LK

“ Jack, we are saddened to learn of Pat's death, and at the same time filled with joy remembering so many fun discussions shared with the two of you. What a generously warm spirit she shared with all of us! Rose and I send our love and care to you as you endure such a hard grief. We treasure the friendship both of you have shared with us.

Larry Kleiman

Larry Kleiman - October 10, 2020 at 12:28 PM

TD

“ So sorry for your loss, Jack. I will always remember Pat for her warm and gracious spirit. May you feel the consolation of God's presence as you grieve her passing. Blessings.

Terry Daniel

Terry Daniel - October 09, 2020 at 12:35 PM

JC

“ Pat was a truly lovely lady, and we are so sorry to know she has left us.
Our condolences to Jack as a truly devoted husband who will miss her sorely. So sorry she is gone. Jerry and Mary Caress

Jerry and Mary Caress - October 09, 2020 at 09:35 AM

CK

“ *Craig, Cindy, Eric, Christina, David & kids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patsy Kay Collins.*



Craig, Cindy, Eric, Christina, David & kids - October 08, 2020
at 09:28 PM

 Cindy
George

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Cindy George - October 08, 2020 at 01:19 PM

VG

“ Pat was one of the most gracious thoughtful persons I have ever known. Her radiant smile was a priceless gift. We were introduced by a mutual friend, and that introduction blossomed into a very special friendship.

Although these recent years limited Pat's activities, we had years of sharing lunches, of attending concerts and plays together, and of welcoming in new years.

I loved Pat for her religious convictions, for her empathy and sensitivity for others, for enjoying the beauty of this world, and for being a model for us all. I am so very grateful that our lives came in contact.

*Sincerely,
Vernal Greer*

Vernal Greer - October 08, 2020 at 12:20 PM

BC

“ When I first started my own teaching career (at Grandview Elementary), it was Pat that I looked to as my role model. She was not only an exceptional teacher, but someone who carried herself with poise and dignity. Her warm smile (and that twinkle in her eye) always put others at ease and showed her love. She will be missed by so many! I send my heartfelt condolences to her entire family.
Becky Coffey

Becky Coffey - October 08, 2020 at 11:21 AM

NL

“ TO: The family of Pat Collins

Seeing Pat's smiling face brings tears to my eyes and heart - tears of gratitude for the life she shared with our family's dear friend Jack and his children, Cindy, Lisa and Blaine. They were happy years for Jack. I met Pat many years ago when our family visited with Jack. Pat and I met again a few years ago when Jack discovered, through mysterious means, my phone number. Pat and I were able to talk during several phone calls since - I'm happy to have known her and consider her a friend. Journey well!

*There is a candle lit on my alter with your name and Jack's surrounded by it's light and healing energy. Sent with love,
Nancy Lanphear*

Nancy Lanphear - October 07, 2020 at 07:05 PM

BI

“ *Patsy had a beautiful mature spirit and lived out her faith. I was a fortunate recipient of her love. My strongest memory of Patsy and Jack was their appearance at my home the evening of a tragic accident in which a friend of my young son was killed. The tears in their eyes still reflect in my memory. They were willing to stand with others in pain and loss. She lives in the hearts of the many folks her life touched!*

Barbara Ruth Ireland - October 07, 2020 at 05:56 PM

CB

“ Pat was a wonderful teacher. She and I shared so many positive experiences at both Grandview and Crooked Creek Schools. Charlie and I also fondly recall visiting Pat and Jack in Philadelphia, as well as sharing many meals over the years. Pat will be greatly missed. She will add her special presence and enduring spirit in Heaven. ❤️

Chris and Charlie Brunette

Chris Brunette - October 07, 2020 at 03:11 PM

ER

“ Jack and family, Gary and I were just talking about the two of you this morning. I've missed you both and so have a heavy heart learning of Pat's passing. What a dear and wonderful person. May she rest in peace. And may you who survive be warmed by memories of her.

Elizabeth Roe

Elizabeth Roe - October 07, 2020 at 02:09 PM