



Patricia A. Dvorak

October 23, 1943 - December 17, 2023

Patricia A. Dvorak, 80, of East Peoria passed away at her home on Sunday, December 17, 2023, and has gone to Heaven to be with her Savior Jesus. She was born in Princeville on October 23, 1943, to Thomas and Helen (Reed) King. She married her husband of 58 years, David A. Dvorak at the First United Methodist Church in East Peoria, on November 26, 1964; he preceded her in death on October 21, 2023. Their lasting marriage showcased the necessity for commitment in tandem with their love.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Dr. W.J. Culley.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Trischa (Curt Hogland) Lanum of Spokane, WA, Ericka Dvorak of East Peoria, Nathan (Crystal) Dvorak of Auburn, IL, Adam Dvorak of Bartonville, Maria (Jason) Olvera of Greenville, MI, and Merideth Dvorak of East Peoria; 2 foster children, Jeffrey and Christie; 13 grandchildren, Jacob (Etta), Emily, Katie, Matthew, Leilani, Amira, Shauna, Trinity, Cash, Kayson, Luciana, Micah, and Bella; 3 great-grandchildren, Royal, Charlotte, and Xander; and her beloved dogs, Holly and Josie.

Patricia graduated from EPCHS Class of 1961, then earned her degree in special education from Illinois State University. She worked as a Child Development Specialist at PARC, now known as EP!C in Peoria. Her daughters followed her example in the field of special education.

Patty loved God and her family. She was a member of Glad Tidings Assembly

of God Church in East Peoria. She and David were involved in foster care and adoption for children with special needs and sponsored a Hmong family from a Laotian refugee camp after the Vietnam War. She had a heart for the disenfranchised and sought ways to actively promote success and connectedness in her civic outreach. In her later years, she loved her social connection with the 61 girls.

A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church in East Peoria. The family will receive friends at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Pastor Paul Hinzman will officiate. Private burial will be at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Women's Pregnancy Center or Teen Challenge. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road
Springfield, IL 62707

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glad Tidings Assembly of God
2201 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL

Funeral Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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East Peoria, IL

Tribute Wall



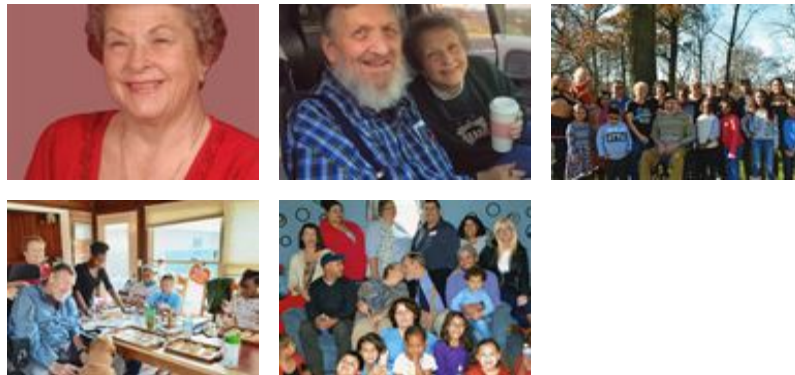
“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia A. Dvorak



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“ *These two, simply the best! (March 2017)*



Rayann Hardin - December 22, 2023 at 11:03 AM

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Rayann Hardin - December 22, 2023 at 11:04 AM

JP

I met Pat decades ago and we became fast friends. We got closer when her Maria and my Tara became friends at Lincoln School. Later I would teach her three granddaughters at Robein after knowing them since they were young. I also taught Bella at our church VBS. Loved running into her at Krogers, She always had a smile and a positive outlook. I saw her last when her beloved husband passed, and still so positive. Sending prayers for comfort and strength to her family. May friends, family, and faith also be your strength- you are not alone. Your mother's faith was a blessing to all who knew her. I am so blessed our paths crossed so many years ago and she will be missed.

Julie Parlier - December 22, 2023 at 11:50 AM

KT

“ *Pat was a wonderful Special Ed teacher! I had the honor of learning from her. This world is a little sadder without you in it! 🙏🙏🙏*

Kim Todd - December 21, 2023 at 09:02 PM

RS

“ Pat And I clicked when she moved to EP in jr high. Walking home from school then slumber parties and double dating (sometimes switching boyfriends!). A loving, compassionate soul. Now in the hands of God with Dave. Will miss her so much.

Ruth Heisel Smith - December 21, 2023 at 05:03 PM

MR

“ I had a great relationship with Patty for 65 years. We started “hanging out” when we were 15. I was her maid of honor for her wedding, and she was my maid of honor for my wedding. We laughed a lot, and we shared our dreams with each other. The love of her life, David, passed 8 weeks ago. They are together now. I will miss her for sure.



Marsha Reardon - December 20, 2023 at 05:55 PM