



Pat L. Swartzendruber

September 14, 1954 - April 6, 2015

Patty Lou Swartzendruber was born to Aal Schlegel and Edna (Eichelberger) Schlegel on September 14, 1954 at Fairbury, Nebraska, and passed away on April 6, 2015 in Geneva, Nebraska at Fillmore County Hospital at the age of 60 years, 6 months, 22 days. She was the youngest of five children.

Pat lived her entire life in Shickley and graduated from Shickley High School in 1972 and then attended Hesston College for two years where she played volleyball and softball and majored in Early Childhood Development. She graduated from Hesston in 1974. Over her adult life she held many jobs as a baby-sitter, a seamstress operating the Friendship Shop on main street Shickley for a few years, she also worked as a preschool teacher for 22 years and then recently worked as a Para-Educator at Shickley School. Her favorite job was held in recent years cooking Wednesday night fellowship suppers at Salem Mennonite Church. Her favorite activity was to go shopping for her grandkids and buying many things that she felt they needed.

She was married to Ronald Jay Swartzendruber at Salem Mennonite Church on July 20, 1974 and to them four children were born. Matthew, Aaron, Sarah, and Abigail. She also was blessed with two daughters-in-law, Tara and Amy, who were also an answered prayer to her and were her daughters as well. Her biggest blessing and joy in life were her grandchildren Gracie, Evan, and Lylia. Pat was a life long member of Salem Mennonite Church where she grew to know and love Jesus. She was very passionate about her children and grandchildren's sporting events, dance recitals, and many school activities. Even now that all four of her children are adults and coaching the sports they love she rarely ever was not seen in the crowd no matter what day of the week and where the event was held. She also was very passionate about running the snack shack at the Shickley ball field in recent years and watching all those kids who played there and taking a great interest in their success. She loved her side business of baking for all kinds of community events and gatherings. She was also very proud to call herself a supporter of the Shickley Longhorns.

She was preceded in death by her niece, Jodi Swartzendruber, her father Aal Schlegel, and Ron's parents Jay and Ruth Swartzendruber all of Shickley. Her husband Ron of Shickley, son Matt and wife Tara and their children Gracie and Evan of Shickley, son Aaron and wife Amy and daughter Lylia of Omaha, and daughters Sarah and Abbi of Lincoln survive her. She is also survived by her mother Edna Schlegel, sister Joyce Schlegel, brothers Les Schlegel and wife Carolyn and John Schlegel and wife Roxie of Shickley and brother Dallas Schlegel and wife Barb of Lincoln. Brothers-in-law Den and wife Kay of Shickley, Don of Shickley, and Jim of Omaha. Numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many, many friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the Salem Mennonite Church rural Shickley, Nebraska on Thursday, April 9, 2015, with Pastor Shawn Nolt officiating. Judy Lichti accompanied the Chorister, Marge Swartzendruber and the congregation who sang Amazing Grace and Blessed Savior We Adore Thee. Recorded selections for the service were The Hand That Rocks The Cradle and I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You. Casket bearers were Lester Schlegel, Dallas Schlegel, John Schlegel, Don Swartzendruber, Den Swartzendruber and Jim Swartzendruber. Honorary bearers were Pat's grand kids Gracie, Evan and Lylia and the Shickley Preschool Class of 2015. Interment was in the Salem Cemetery. Memorials are directed to the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Pat L. Swartzendruber.*



April 08, 2015 at 09:26 PM

TF

“ *The Huxolls and the Kempkes families. purchased the Garden Accent - "Gone yet not forgotten..." for the family of Pat L. Swartzendruber.*



The Huxolls and the Kempkes families. - April 08, 2015 at 02:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pat L. Swartzendruber.*



April 08, 2015 at 01:56 PM

RK

“ *What a great loss to the whole community-Teacher Pat was so loved by children and all of us who knew her and were touched by her many talents and friendliness. May the many prayers and thoughts of you Ron and your loving family bring comfort at this very sad time. Rosalie and Richard Kleinschmidt*

Rosalie Kleinschmidt - April 08, 2015 at 11:39 AM

MJ

“ *Mast Family: Henry, Fanny, Fred, Linda, Lois, & John purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Pat L. Swartzendruber.*



Mast Family: Henry, Fanny, Fred, Linda, Lois, & John - April 08, 2015 at 09:44 AM

YB

“ Your friends at District OR1 and Palmyra Bennet purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Pat L. Swartzendruber.



Your friends at District OR1 and Palmyra Bennet - April 08, 2015 at 09:24 AM

MM

“ My heart is truly heavy for you Ron and all of the Swartzendruber family. My condolences to all of you.
"Those we hold in our arms for awhile we hold in our hearts forever!"
It was a pleasure to have known Pat. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!
May you sense the Lord's presence during this difficult time.
Mary Mann

Mary Mann - April 07, 2015 at 07:40 PM

AS

“ Pat made several birthday cakes for my children. She made their baptismal outfits. She and her family have touched our lives it in so many different ways it is difficult to describe the profound loss we feel at this time. My thoughts and prayers are with Ron and his family. Pat was a wonderful person, friend, wife, mother and grandmother. She will truly be missed.
Our love to you all,
The Shadley Family

Ann Shadley - April 07, 2015 at 06:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pat L. Swartzendruber.



April 07, 2015 at 06:30 PM



“ We Share Your Loss Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Pat L. Swartzendruber.



April 07, 2015 at 05:16 PM

PZ

“ So saddened by this huge loss of life. Pat was a true giver of self and time for others. Prayers for you all as you endure this trial. Zauha family

Penny Zauha - April 07, 2015 at 03:57 PM

TS

“ Mari and I would like to send our condolences to your family during this time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We rejoice that she is with the Lord. We hope you feel the prayers and love during this time.

Love,

Tom and Mari Schlegel and family.

Tom Schlegel - April 07, 2015 at 03:37 PM