



## Patty Ann Lentfer

November 26, 1949 - March 22, 2019

Patty Ann was born to Virgil H. Fredricks and Mildred E. Yost Fredricks of Glenvil on November 26, 1949 in Hastings, Nebraska, the fourth of five children. She passed away on Friday, March 22, 2019 at Bryan West Hospital in Lincoln, at the age of 69.

Patt attended the one-room Willowdale School through the 8th grade and was a member of the first graduating class of Sandy Creek High School in 1968. She graduated with a B.A. in English from Dana College in 1972, and married John M. Lentfer of Bruning on August 5, 1972. She obtained further educational certification at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

The couple first moved to Elba, where Patt taught high school English, and then lived in Grand Island, Omaha, and Hebron before settling in Bruning to farm. Patt was a devoted educator for the first half of her career, finishing as the gifted/enrichment teacher at Geneva Elementary School. Since 2001, she served as the Executive Director of the Fillmore County Development Corporation until her retirement on November 30, 2018. Patt and John stopped farming in 2001 and bought Shickley Irrigation in 2002. They moved to Geneva in 2011.

Patt had three children, Jennifer, Jacob, and Preston. One of her greatest gifts to them was to share her love of learning. She enjoyed supporting them in 4-

H, music, and sports into their college years. The lights of Patt's life were her three grandchildren: Easton, Eli and Drake.

Patt was a "do-er" in her community, a lover of the arts, and an avid reader. She set a gorgeous table and served delicious meals to her family and friends. Patt was a regular blood donor, served as a Meals on Wheels volunteer, was an active Nebraska Pork Producers member, and was a choir member at Dana College and every church of which she was a member. At Trinity Lutheran in Bruning, Patt was a member of Circle 5 and a Sunday school and Bible school teacher. An always-encouraging friend, she could be found out on the town once a month with her "MOTL" (Mothers on the Loose) Club. Many will remember her for her kindness, creativity, and loyalty.

Patt is preceded in death by her parents, Virgil and Mildred Fredricks, aunt Helen and husband Bud Frickey, and uncle Ray Fredricks, brother Dave Fredricks, niece Jodie Fredricks, and father-in-law Julius Lentfer, Jr.

She is survived by her husband John of Geneva, daughter Jennifer of Washington, D.C., son Jacob, wife Chelsea, and grandsons Easton and Eli of Manhattan, Kansas, son Preston, wife Camie, and grandson Drake of Gibbon, and mother-in-law Lillian Lentfer of Bruning. She is also survived by brother Alan Fredricks and wife Carolyn of Hastings, sister-in-law Sue Fredricks of Hastings, sister Kay Davis and husband Ron of Blue Hill, brother Paul Fredricks and wife Ronna of Glenvil, aunt Mary Fredricks and cousin Myra Fredricks of Hastings, brother-in-law Alan Lentfer and wife Debby of Thornton, Colorado, sister-in-law Audrey Shaneyfelt and husband Randy of Loch Lloyd, Missouri, and brother-in-law Scott Lentfer and wife Marlene of Kearney. Patt was aunt to 17 beloved nieces and nephews and 24 grand nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service for Patt was held on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 11:00

a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, Nebraska. Pastor Stuart Sell officiated the service. Deb Pohlmann accompanied the congregation in the singing of "All Creatures Of Our God & King," "How Great Thou Art," "It Is Well With My Soul," and "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

Honorary Pallbearers for the service included Debbie Rowe, Gail Jacques, Lana Day, Jon Fredricks, Rick Fredricks, Tim Fredricks, Michelle Fredricks, Brad Davis, Brenda Davis, Heather Mohling, Nathan Fredricks, Jessina Lentfer, John Lentfer, Ashley Shaneyfelt, Drew Shaneyfelt, Austin Lentfer, and Rachel Lentfer.

A private Committal Of Ashes was held in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery following the Memorial Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com).

Memorials can be made in Patt's name to the Fillmore County Foundation, PO Box 313, Geneva, Nebraska 68361.

# Tribute Wall

YO

“ You purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patty Ann Lentfer.



Your - April 17, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ 93 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - March 28, 2019 at 03:55 PM

MK

“ I had the privilege of working with Patt for many years in the Economic Development world. My deepest sympathy to your family in the loss of such a wonderful lady.

Mary Kwapnioski (Nebraska Public Power District)

Mary Kwapnioski - March 28, 2019 at 09:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patty Ann Lentfer.*



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March 27, 2019 at 10:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patty Ann Lentfer.*



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March 27, 2019 at 03:15 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Patty Ann Lentfer.*



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March 27, 2019 at 01:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patty Ann Lentfer.*



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March 27, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patty Ann Lentfer.*



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March 26, 2019 at 09:21 PM



“ *I had the privilege of working with Patt for the last seven years through the Lincoln Area Development Partnership. She proudly represented Fillmore County. She was a professional friend and always an encourager. I will miss her greatly. Her family will be in my prayers.*

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**Jonathan Jank** - March 26, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ *Katherine Zavala purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Patty Ann Lentfer.*



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**Katherine Zavala** - March 26, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ *Mead Lumber-Manhattan purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Patty Ann Lentfer.*



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**Mead Lumber-Manhattan** - March 26, 2019 at 10:17 AM

DJ

“ *Don & Sylvia Jividen lit a candle in memory of Patty Ann Lentfer*



Don & Sylvia Jividen - March 26, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Patty Ann Lentfer.*



March 26, 2019 at 12:25 AM

SS

“ *Am missing Patt . She and I were birthday buddies. Was always a special bond for us. I miss her gentle ways and sincerity.*

Sherri J Schoenholz - March 25, 2019 at 10:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patty Ann Lentfer.*



March 25, 2019 at 10:03 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Patty Ann Lentfer.*



March 25, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patty Ann Lentfer.*



March 25, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ *I am so saddened to hear about the loss of Patt. I had the opportunity to work with her for nearly 10 years as a member of our Lincoln Area Development Partners regional group. She was always friendly and a hard worker. My thoughts and prayers to your family at this difficult time. Beckie Cromer, Falls City EDGE*

**Beckie Cromer** - March 25, 2019 at 12:47 PM



“ *LaDonna Pendleton lit a candle in memory of Patty Ann Lentfer*



**LaDonna Pendleton** - March 25, 2019 at 12:40 PM

HF

“ *Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Patty Ann Lentfer*



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**Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer** - March 25, 2019 at 09:13 AM

YD

“ *Pat and I were both members of Southeast Nebraska Tourism Council. She and I worked on different projects together. I have good memories of her. I am so sorry that she has passed away. Prayers for her family.*

*Yvonne Dalluge*

*Pawnee City, Ne*

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**Yvonne Dalluge** - March 24, 2019 at 10:23 PM

CR

“ *Caleb Rippe lit a candle in memory of Patty Ann Lentfer*



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**Caleb Rippe** - March 24, 2019 at 06:34 PM

CJ

“ I have known Patt most of my life. We graduated high school together and went to the same college together. I had moved out of state after marriage and eventually came back to NE. I had lost touch with Patt over the years but was able to reconnect last Aug at a high school reunion. It was so nice to see her. So sorry to hear of her passing. May God comfort her loved ones thru this very sad time. My condolences- from Connie Krull Johnson

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**Connie Krull Johnson** - March 24, 2019 at 01:11 PM

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“ Steve And Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of Patty Ann Lentfer



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**steve and barb sadd** - March 24, 2019 at 12:17 PM

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*Our thoughts and prayers to the Lentfer and Fredricks families*

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**steve and barb sadd** - March 25, 2019 at 10:39 AM

DM

“ I remember this past Christmas caroling with Pat with our church. We all had a great time and then had cocoa and cookies afterward. Very nice lady. She will be missed. Continue prayers for her family--

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\_deb mohlman

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**Deborah Mohlman** - March 24, 2019 at 10:23 AM

MJ

“ *My heart goes out to you and your family. Rest assured that Patt will be remembered by all the lives that she touched. You are in my prayers. Mary Johnson*

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**Mary Johnson** - March 23, 2019 at 12:28 PM