



## Patricia Drees

August 7, 1940 - July 7, 2020

Patricia Drees, 79 of Carroll, died Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 10, 2020 at St. John Paul II Parish – Holy Spirit Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter. Music will be by Jane Heithoff. Lector for the funeral mass will be Lisa Bowdish. Casket Bearers will be: Nick Satterlee, Jon Schreck, Brian Schreck, Cole Hoffman, Patrick McCarty, Matthew McCarty, Alex Drees, Derek Drees, and Joshua Miller. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. Those in attendance are asked to abide by COVID 19 social distancing guidelines. Those who choose to attend the funeral mass are required to wear a mask. There will be no public visitation on Friday at the church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for the Houlihan Access Sauk Rail Trail. If mailing a memorial please mail to Family of Pat Drees, c/o Sharp Funeral Home, 226 W. 8th St. Carroll, IA 51401. A recording of Pat's funeral mass will be available on Saturday via Sharp Funeral Home, Carroll, Iowa YouTube page.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Pat's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Patricia, the daughter of Jim & Cecelia (Gehling) Houlihan, was born on

August 7, 1940 in Carroll, Iowa. She grew up in Carroll and attended school at St. Angela's Academy.

On October 18, 1958, Pat was united in marriage to Howard G. Drees at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Carroll. The couple lived and raised their family in the Carroll area. Pat then threw her energies into raising six children and becoming one of the bookkeepers for Drees Co. Being a part of the community was important to Pat, so she became a Girl Scout leader. She loved to golf and later joined a women's league at the Carroll Country Club. As her children grew, she joined a PEO and loved this new group of women. When she joined the real estate world, she got to know the Carroll community family even better by selling real estate through Wilson Real Estate and Carroll Area Real Estate. She was able to unveil the jewels of Carroll County through all of these life experiences in her personal and professional life. One mantra that she believed in and instilled in her children was, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say it at all." ~ wanting us to be kind to each other. She modeled this by opening her home up to family and friends that came to visit. That was what she lived and what she leaves behind for us to continue.

Left to celebrate her life is her beloved husband, Howard Drees of Carroll, her children: Michelle (Brett) Satterlee, Omaha, NE, Judy (Greg) Schreck, Carroll, Connie (Russ) Hoffman, Scranton, IA, Karen (Denny) Kasperbauer, Carroll, Howie (Sara) Drees, Carroll, and Holley Drees, Carroll. Grandchildren: Nick (Patti) Satterlee, Lisa (Nick) Bowdish, Jon (Abby) Schreck & Brian (Megan Wiederin) Schreck, Lynne (Jeremy Meyer) Gittings, Larie (Charlie) Brokaw, Cole Hoffman (Nicole), Patrick (Kayla) & Matthew McCarty, Madison, Alex (Aisha Miller) & Derek Drees, Josh (Heather Gimlin) & Courtney Miller and 16 great grandchildren. Her siblings: Jane (Dick) Wiederhold of Goodyear, AZ, Elaine (Steve) Schleisman of La Quinta, CA, and a brother, Michael (Beth) Houlihan of Minneapolis, MN. Brother and sisters-in-law; Don (Jane) Drees of Carroll and Dorothy Drees of Florida, as well as many nieces, nephews and other extended relatives.

Patricia was preceded in death by her son, Jerry in infancy, her parents, Jim &

Cecelia Houlihan, her brother, Lee Houlihan, sisters-in-laws, Maxine Collison and LaVonne Daeges, brothers-in-law, Louis & Doug Drees.

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ To all of Pat's family, we sent our sympathy and prayers. Pat was s such a cheerful and sweet woman. I enjoyed her friendship and conversation many times through P.E.O. Her presence will be missed but her wonderful life and personality will truly be remembered.

*Tam and Paul Milligan*

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**Tam Milligan** - July 15, 2020 at 09:50 AM

RJ

“ Every morning I pick up the newspaper at Reiling's Station. As I exit, I pass the Houlihan Home. A flood of memories come to mind of all the fun the Houlihan and Juergens families had together. Even decades later, the Houlihan and Drees families have remained our friends. Pat was loved by many and she will truly be missed by us.

*Ron and Elizabeth Juergens*

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**Ron and Elizabeth Juergens** - July 11, 2020 at 08:10 PM

 Chris Kammin

“ I remember arriving in Carroll the day my dad died and Pat was there to give me the biggest and most heart warming of a hug that I needed. She will be missed. My prayers go out to the family. - Chris Kammin



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**Chris Kammin** - July 10, 2020 at 12:15 PM

KR

*“ We are so very sorry to hear the sad news about Pat. What a neat lady and always so gracious and kind and so fun to visit with. Her smile was just the best and she will be missed so much but most of all by her family.....she was so proud and happy when she was around you. I am sure the angels danced when they saw that Pat was coming "home". .....Bill and Kathy Rupiper*

**Kathy Rupiper** - July 09, 2020 at 09:21 PM

TS

*“ The Nebraska Medicine CT department staff purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of Patricia Drees.*



**The Nebraska Medicine CT department staff** - July 09, 2020 at 06:05 PM

AH

*“ I can vividly picture Aunt Pat sleeping on a blow up bed in my small studio apartment when she and my mom, Jane, came to visit. She traveled everywhere and complained not at all. Pat knew how to make any situation fun. She just rolled with the punches. She was always a wonderful and gracious hostess and loved to have the party around her. Aunt Pat will be missed, but she has a legacy that lives on in her family and in the memories that are filled with her love.*

*Love,  
Ann Wiederhold van 't Hull*

**Ann Wiederhold van 't Hull** - July 09, 2020 at 03:29 PM

DB

“ I feel honored and privileged to have known Pat through PEO, Chapter NS. Such a beautiful person, so kind, thoughtful, and generous. We were birthday partners and I will miss her.

Diane Bollinger - July 09, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Drees.



July 09, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patricia Drees.



July 09, 2020 at 11:10 AM

YL

“ Your Sales team: Garrett, John, Evan and Lathan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Patricia Drees.



Your Sales team: Garrett, John, Evan and Lathan - July 08, 2020 at 10:44 PM

JW

“ All of my memories of Pat reflect her as a wonderful person. She was a giver rather than a taker, a gracious lady and host, a person who loved to have fun. And a person that I could confide my feelings and thoughts. At this time many wonderful memories of our experiences pass through my mind - experiences that are treasured and should be passed on to future generations. She lived as a Christian wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Her behavior serves as a model for all. She will be missed in my life as her sister and dear friend. During the past years she has had pain and suffering - she rose straight to heaven as an angel for her family and is now in a happy place. I love you Pat. ❤️ 🙏 Jane Houlihan Wiederhold

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**Jane Wiederhold** - July 08, 2020 at 09:16 PM

CH

*Thank you Jane! She was the best mom, ever!*

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**Connie Hoffman** - July 08, 2020 at 10:54 PM

AH

*Said with such heart, mom! Aunt Pat will be so missed!*

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**Ann Wiederhold van 't Hull** - July 09, 2020 at 03:22 PM

HD

*Thank you Jane and Ann. Mom Just loved being with all of family and extended family. That is what she lived for to LOVE*

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**Holley Drees** - July 11, 2020 at 08:03 AM

CS

“ We always enjoyed any time spent with Howard and Pat, generally out on the golf course etc. and stops in their backyard on hole #4! Recently (well, before Covid...:) I was able to visit them at St. Anthony's NH when I'd take my Mother for a walk down their hallway. What a delightful couple, she was truly beautiful, and like they say.. inside and out! RIP Pat!!  
Gary and Carol Stark

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**Carol Gary Stark** - July 08, 2020 at 08:13 PM

EI

“ My heart is full of wonderful memories of this beautiful lady. I lived on West Second Street and grew up with the Houihans . What great times we had.  
My sympathy to Howie and her family . Thinking of all of you  
  
Eileen Reiff Yung

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**Eileen** - July 08, 2020 at 07:36 PM

JP

“ Pat was a kind person & friend to many. Her family was blessed to have her as a part of their lives. She will be dearly missed.  
  
Joe & Elise Pick

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**joe pick** - July 08, 2020 at 07:29 PM

MD

“ Aunt Pat has been promoted and no one deserves it more. I do not pretend to have spent the days or hours many others have with her since I left Iowa 50 years ago, what I will remember and cherish however is how she always made you feel special. The warmest a person could be. We will miss you

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**Mike Drees** - July 08, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia Drees.*



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July 08, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ *Aunt Pat was not only beautiful, but so kind and gracious that many of her nieces aspired to such greatness. She is now out of pain & will make heaven a lovelier place. We will see you again, Pat. With love, Linda Drees Bertolet*

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**linda Bertolet** - July 08, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ *Kristi Schuler Jorgensen lit a candle in memory of Patricia Drees*



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**Kristi Schuler Jorgensen** - July 08, 2020 at 05:14 PM

SS

“ From taking her first glider ride in the Sierras to bike riding in Vermont, Pat will always remain in our memories. Sometimes reluctant she rose to many occasions with wit and grace. Although we opened her eyes to new adventures she was steadfastly our anchor to Carroll and the family. With uncommon generosity she and Howie shared their home with both family and the many friends we brought to the country acreage she so dearly loved. Lest we forget, her commitment to her own family and the expanded family was more than exemplary - serving as a wonderful role model to all who follow this great lady we called Patricia.

Success may be measured in many ways but surely her crowning achievement and hallmark legacy is the wonderful family she nurtured and encouraged. Together they stand as a fitting tribute to her years among us.

We miss you already but cherish the memories we will retain for the rest of our lives.



Steve & Tootie

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**Steve & Elaine Schleisman** - July 08, 2020 at 05:14 PM

CH

*I knew this was you! Thank you!*

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**Connie Hoffman** - July 08, 2020 at 10:51 PM

HD

*Love, that reminds me of a helicopter ride she took with dad yet rose to the occasion again.*

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**Holley Drees** - July 11, 2020 at 08:08 AM

HS

“ Her adoring siblings and their spouses.  
purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for  
the family of Patricia Drees.



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**Her adoring siblings and their spouses.** - July 08, 2020 at  
04:53 PM

JL

“ Pat was the kindest woman and a wonderful friend. She will be  
missed by all, My deepest sympathy to all of you. You had a  
wonderful wife, mother and grandmother.

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**June Langenfeld** - July 08, 2020 at 04:45 PM

LB

“ Such a sweet lady remembrr golfing 🏌️ with  
you  
Pat RIP 🙏💖



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**Linda Bluml** - July 08, 2020 at 03:07 PM