



Patricia Ann Engen

January 10, 1945 - December 2, 2018

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Sunrise January 10, 1945 -Sunset December 2, 2018

Patricia Ann Engen, age 73 passed away peacefully Sunday, December 2, 2018 at her daughter's home in La Mesa, California. Patricia grew up and resided in Beloit, Wisconsin. Her ashes are set to rest next to her husband Wayne M. Engen at Newark Cemetery in Newark township, Beloit, Wisconsin. Patricia lost her battle with colon cancer and was struggling with severe Crohn's disease throughout her life. Her strong will, determination and "spicy" mindset kept her going even while enduring and living through much difficulty. Her strong disposition and sense of survival made her a true fighter.

Patricia Ann Zartman was born January 10, 1945 at Beloit Municipal Hospital of Beloit, Wisconsin. An only child of Ferdie Jay Zartman and Marion Elizabeth Kirchner-Zartman. Born into a traditional modest family. Her father, after serving honorably in WWII returned to Beloit and started a trucking business. Patricia's stubbornness, high energy and affection from her mother molded her into her tenacious character.

Her first dog and love for Boston Terriers began as a child, when her father brought home a very old, one-eyed Boston Terrier. After that she loved her Boston's and had 6 throughout her life.

Patricia was a graduate of Beloit Memorial High School in Beloit, Wisconsin,

1963. She attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa where she met her future, husband Wayne Melvin Engen. After working hard for years in college she took a leave per devastating news of losing both her parents.

Patricia married Wayne Melvin Engen on February 19, 1966. Following a move to the Chicago suburbs, she gave birth to Wayne Gordon Engen February 13, 1967, they adopted Elizabeth Ann Engen on February 25, 1970. The family returned to Wisconsin by 1973 to live the country life style in Newark township, a rural area of Beloit, Wisconsin. As a stay at home mom, she was a caring, devoted wife and mother to her family, very hands on and present. Involved in her community, family and children's activities. She never missed a sporting event, school outing or teacher's conference. She was active in volunteering and chaperoning. She was an elected school board member. Patricia was not afraid to speak her mind and chat up anyone in her path.

Patricia's new-found love and devotion began on September 6, 1992 with the birth of her first grandchild, Billy Engen. Soon to follow, Amber Engen then Patrick Engen. As a picture perfect, fully doting grandmother, she dedicated her time endlessly over her beloved grandchildren and loved them more than herself.

Patricia's Pride carried on throughout her teams and career. As para-educator with the School District of Beloit for over 30 years. Patricia believed in education and found it very rewarding to help and work with kids. It was her purpose later in her life to help and work with struggling children, offering her support through school to children whom may not receive needed support in their own home.

"Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the attempt to acquire it." ~Albert Einstein

Patricia is survived by:

Son: Wayne (Christine) Engen -Beloit, Wisconsin
Daughter: Elizabeth (James) Bellamy -La Mesa, California
Grandkids: Billy (Mackenzie) Engen -Edgerton, Wisconsin
Amber Engen -Beloit, Wisconsin
Patrick Engen -Beloit, Wisconsin
Great grandchild: Carter Engen -Edgerton, Wisconsin

CELEBRATION OF LIFE PARTY

Join in our "Celebration -of- Life" for Patricia Ann Engen

Friday - January 11th 2019

Boundaries - 3807 Riverside Dr. Beloit WI 53511

4:00pm-6:00pm

Bring your best story, show your spirit and Stop in WEARING your favorite SPORTS TEAM ATTIRE. We encourage: Green Bay Packer, Badger or Beloit Pride gear... BUT will ALLOW rival wear with good argument OR if having a better season!

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: GI Cancer fund/ UW Carbone Cancer Center Madison, Wisconsin

Ways to Donate:

-Donations online to: UWHealth.org/waystogive -Donation by Mail to: 600 highland Ave K4/658 Madison WI 53792 -Direct link to Patricia Ann Engen's Donation Page: <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/1808525>

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Ann Engen*

January 28, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Upon my arrival here in Beloit, Pat immediately made me feel welcome. I was inspired by her spirit and no nonsense communication style. She loved her work and it showed-every single day. We will miss her.....*

Orlando Ramos, Principal, BMHS

Orlando Ramos - December 12, 2018 at 10:14 AM



“ *I had the honor of working with Pat at both Aldrich Middle School for 13 and the last 13 years at BMHS. Pat always had the best interest of the students that she worked with, providing them with pencils that she found around the building, picking up food from the lunch room at breakfast and lunch that others didn't want and would share with her students and caring about each of them as a grandma would.*



My heart aches as I've lost a true friend.Pat contacted me this summer worrying about my health issues being hospitalized for over 3 months. Our talk was special, as I recall it now and the words we shared, it was her way of saying good bye, dear friend...but, I didn't want to believe that I'd never see her again...Rest in Peace...Pat

Deb Jackson

DEBORAH JACKSON - December 11, 2018 at 04:06 PM