



"Pat" Patsy L. Kelly

September 9, 1948 - January 9, 2021

"Pat" Patsy L. Kelly born September 9, 1948 in Lamesa, Texas to Curtis and Beth Findley of O'Donnell, Texas. Proceeded in death by both parents. She passed away after a long battle with cancer on January 9, 2021.

She is survived by her husband of forty years, Lan Kelly. Cousins Debbie Halfmann, Wanda Brown and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

As a young girl the family moved to North Western New Mexico in the Farmington area where the family had a farm and her father maintained oil field equipment in the surrounding area including on the Navajo reservation.

She graduated from Central High School, Kirtland, New Mexico having been the Homecoming Queen, Drum Major and in the choir. During her time there she studied Ballet, rodeo barrel racer and was a member of a 60's girl group, which recorded a record at the same studio used by Buddy Holly in his early rockabilly years.

She attended a university in New Mexico.

She moved to Lubbock, Texas after a couple of years of college and worked at the Cotton Exchange and survived the 1970 F5 Tornado that devastated downtown Lubbock. Pat sheltered in her apartment bathtub. Once the tornados were gone, she looked out of here apartment to discover the buildings in the next block were gone, just piles of debris. Later on she went on to work at the Texas Tech University Medical School as Secretary and medical transcriptionist for the Head of Cardiothoracic Surgery. During her time at the Med School, she was a pitcher for the surgery dept coed slow pitch softball team. All this time Pat continued with her lifelong love of Country Dancing, Texas Tech football, rodeo, sewing and crafts. She even had her own private label of handmade clothing, "Miss Pat," that she made for friends.

She met her husband, Lan, at a country western dance class she taught at Texas Tech University after hours program. They married less than two years later and remained together until her passing. Pat and Lan were married for over 40 years. They spent the first ten years together in Lubbock where Lan attended Texas Tech as an architecture student and then worked for a design-build contractor. They moved to San Antonio in 1989 when Lan was offered a job there.

During their time here she enjoyed the sights and events in San Antonio including

wandering along the River Walk and watching the tourist, the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, Fiesta San Antonio events including collecting the medals, the Cactus Show and the Patriotic and Historical Ball. After retiring from working as a medical transcription Pat continued her love of cactus gardening, crafting, and sewing. Beside clothing, doll clothing, she did needle point, oil painting, hand painted ceramics and numerous other crafts. An increasing interest in her family genealogy discovered a rich family history including native American ancestors and others dating back to early English and Scandinavian royalty. Her Revolutionary War General ancestor made her eligible to join the Daughters of the American Revolution, San Antonio de Bexar Chapter. That same family line includes one of the founders of Texas and she became a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Alamo Couriers Chapter. Further research also led to membership in the United States Daughters of 1812, David Crockett Chapter.

As a member of DAR she attended elementary school history fairs in a costumes she made and was active in DAR and DRT events including volunteering to present awards to Junior ROTC students from the local high schools and UTSA ROTC. She was proud to present histories of women of the revolution and of Native Americans as a regular feature of the DAR meetings.

About twenty years ago she discovered golf and through her class she met other ladies that became great friends. This included Bob and Gale Pugsley who partnered with Pat and Lan on the golf course and as close friends off course. Later when Gale was no longer able to play Jeff Johnson joined the foursome and became another fast friend.

Nearly seven years ago she was diagnosed with cancer and with the help of the great folks at Texas Oncology and Doctor Gunuganti she battled the disease remaining active until just a few months ago. Her last days were spent at home with her loving husband with the assistance of Guiding Light Hospice and Erma Corder her private nurse.

Pat was loved by everyone she met and will be greatly missed by all her friends and relatives. All remember her laugh and positive outlook on life. The most common comment heard when talking about is that "She was a wonderful, sweet lady."

A memorial service will be held at Mission Park Chapels North on January 30 at Noon, the service will also be a virtual broadcast over the internet.

While flowers are welcome you may also support one of Pat's many charities including San Antonio Battered Women and Children's Center, Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, American Cancer Society, The National WWII Museum New Orleans or Toys for Tots. Due to the pandemic the family is requesting that we limit the amount of attendees to 50 individuals. For those that are not able to attend Pat's celebration of life services, you may do so via livestream on her obituary on www.missionparks.com.

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - January 30 at 12:29 PM



“ An external video has been added.



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - January 21 at 03:18 PM



“ Bob Pugsley purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of "Pat" Patsy L. Kelly.



Bob Pugsley - January 28 at 08:42 PM



“ Lan, I am so sorry for your loss. Pat was a beautiful lady with a lot of spunk. She endured a lot through the cancer and still outshined every time I saw her. She will be truly be missed! Take care my friend!
Love, Elaine & Jeff Presson



Elaine Presson - January 26 at 10:37 AM



“ Kenneth Mingus family and Butch Kelly and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of "Pat" Patsy L. Kelly.



Kenneth Mingus family and Butch Kelly and family - January 25 at 03:47 PM



“ I am terribly sorry to hear about Pat's passing, she was always a delight to talk to and she always kept a high spirit. My prayers are with you Lan and your family during this difficult time.

Gabriela Rodriguez - January 22 at 10:53 AM



“ Our Deepest Condolences Lan. We will never forget Pat's joyful energy in her outdoor projects. Waving her hand with a happy Goodmorning and have a nice day made our day very special. She was so uplifting talking to her. She will be missed but never forgotten.



Carlos and Lupe Ontiveros - January 21 at 11:21 PM



“ We'll miss you , Pat. You always lit up a room and our discussions were always lively . You were an inspiration to those around you. We marveled at your intense energy and your deeply caring about social issues. Rest easy, young lady. The world lost a bright light when you were called home. We love you both, pat and Lan.

Jeff Johnson - January 21 at 10:46 PM



“ Lan I'm so sorry. You have my deepest condolences.

Lee

Lee Snaples - January 21 at 05:40 PM