



Patricia Ann May

May 31, 1945 - October 26, 2023

Patricia Ann May passed away on October 26, 2023 at Matthews Glenn, her retirement community in North Carolina.

She was born on May 31, 1945 in Waukegan, Illinois, the daughter of the late Dorothy (Rossing) and William Covell Sr. She grew up in Richmond, Illinois and graduated from Richmond Burton Community High School in 1963. On April 11, 1964 Patricia married her high school sweetheart, Melvin May and he died April 5, 1987. After his death, she attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and attained a degree in Occupational Therapy.

Patricia moved to North Carolina in 1993 and was an occupational therapist for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system for many years. Working with students with special needs brought Patricia great joy and satisfaction.

After retiring, Patricia moved to a retirement community in Matthews, NC. There she made many friends and was involved in activities including olympic events, the dance team, swimming, and winning Halloween costume contests. Patricia was a member of the United Methodist Church in Matthews and enjoyed performing in the Melody Makers choir.

Patricia loved to travel to WI and CO to spend time with her family. She also traveled abroad with friends to several European countries and Hawaii.

Patricia traveled to Scotland to visit her granddaughter, Mallory, when she was studying at the University of Glasgow. Patricia went on mission trips to Rwanda and Brazil.

Patricia is survived by her children Timothy (Denise) May, Julie (John) Hill; her grandchildren Micaela Hill (28), Mallory Hill (25), Nolan (Hailey) May (24), Olivia May (23), and Tatum May (20).

Patricia is also survived by her brother Michael (Gay) Covell, brother-in-law Donald (Marilyn) May, sisters-in-law Marlene (James) Keenan, Kathleen (James) Marsh, and many nieces and nephews.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Jean (Stan) Fisher, William (Rita) Covell Jr, and Phyllis (James) O'Halleran.

Patricia will be remembered for all the heart she shared with her family, friends, and students. She truly loved each of them. She will be dearly missed.

Visitation will be held Friday December 1, 2023 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Ehorn-Adams Funeral Home, 10011 N. Main Street in Richmond, Illinois.

A funeral mass will be held Saturday December 2, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 10519 Main Street in Richmond, Illinois followed by inurnment at the church cemetery and a luncheon at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Autism Strong Foundation, 9935D Rea Rd #253, Charlotte, NC 28277.

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/autism-strong-foundation/in-memory-of-patricia-may>

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery of Richmond

11100 Burlington Road
Richmond, IL 60071

Previous Events

Memorial visitation

DEC 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ehorn-Adams Funeral Home (Richmond)
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Tribute Wall

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“ I went looking for some old friends from years ago and Patty was a favorite. I am so sorry that life kind of got in the way of our staying connected. Failing to find her on Facebook, I went to the internet and the first thing was this obituary for my friend from so long ago. Patty was always the fun loving of anyone in the group she was with. Always with a ready laugh and smile. She was sooo very bright and quick to learn about anything. On one visit to see her she put me to work with tons of photos making collages of her memories and those of her beautiful kids John and Julie. One summer my husband and I decided on a trip cruise of the inside passage from Vancouver to Sitka. Patty joined us. At one point she was giving Denny a manny and you would have thought that he was going to die..... he had never had his cuticle pushed back. Another summer Denny and I drove to visit her and we loaded into our car and headed to Charleston, SC. When we got back we took our pictures to the drug store for 24 hour developing and when we got them all three of us thought that we had the wrong pictures as we didn't recognize the old people in those pictures. Julies and John's wedding was so special. The look on John's face when Julie started down the isle..... priceless. So, many beautiful memories. Patty, look for Denny he passed in March of 2020. He will be glad to see you, I'm sure. Love you through the years and over the miles. Linda Robertson

Linda Robertson - January 29, 2025 at 04:51 PM

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“ Dick Arseneau and Crusier purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia Ann May.



Dick Arseneau and Crusier - November 27, 2023 at 03:42 PM

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“ *Dick Arseneau and Crusier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Ann May.*

Dick Arseneau and Crusier - November 27, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann May.*



November 13, 2023 at 12:28 PM