



Patricia A Redlinger

December 12, 1953 - February 22, 2021

Patricia Anne Redlinger, age 67, of Iowa City, Iowa, passed away beautifully and peacefully at her home on Monday, February 22, 2021 surrounded by love.

A private service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021. Services will be livestreamed on the Jones & Eden Funeral Home Facebook page. Per her wishes, Pat's body was deeded to the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine for scientific purposes. Interment will be held at Elm Grove Cemetery at a later date. The Jones & Eden Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent for Pat's family through the web at www.jonesfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be mailed to the UI Center for Advancement, P.O. Box 4550, Iowa City, IA 52244-4550 or made online at www.givetoiowa.org/cancer. Checks should be made payable to the UI Center for Advancement. On the memo line or in the comments section, please note "in memory of Patricia Redlinger" account #30-506-103.

Pat was born on December 12, 1953 in Washington, Iowa to Duane and Mary Joan Redlinger. She graduated from Washington High School in 1972. She studied at Marycrest College in Davenport and Kansas State University, where she obtained her PhD in Food and Nutrition.

Pat served in the Peace Corps on the Paraguayan/Brazilian border. She then began her teaching career at the University of Wisconsin, University of Tennessee and Iowa State University. Pat also operated a jewelry store (Nature's Touch) on Main Street in Ames, Iowa for 24 years. She moved to Iowa City in 2016. Her joy, love, compassion, wisdom, generosity and sense of humor were felt by anyone who met her. She was proud of her accomplishments, but especially proud of being a farm girl. Growing up on a farm gave her the work ethic, resourcefulness and a value system that became the foundation for her life. She inherited her mom's gentle spirit and Dad's sense of humor. Just like her dad, she loved to tell a joke or story.

Forever a teacher, Pat cherished being at the University of Iowa Hospital where she was surrounded by bright, ambitious students and staff, and could be part of the greater good. Her fervent wish was to keep their spirits bright and strong, not dimmed by terminal cases. She wanted to infuse them with hope and energy. Her hope was they could see advances in ovarian cancer in their lifetime. She met her cancer diagnosis with dignity and grace.

Pat is survived by 5 sisters: Nancy (Frank) Rezabek of Columbia, MO; Marsha (Joe) Parker of Ottumwa, IA; Carol (Jeff) Hoyle of Washington, IA; Fran (Kevin) Otte of Clive, IA; and Rhonda Redlinger of Washington, IA; and nieces and nephews: Jason and Justin Nardy; Josh and Megan Hoyle; Jennifer Johnson; and Grant, Ross and Kyle Otte.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Thank you to all the friends who supported Pat and her family during her journey. Heaven is shining even brighter now that it is graced with Pat's infectious smile, farm girl spunk and delightful sense of humor and wit. The family extends heartfelt thanks to Dr. David Bender, Dr. Tim Thomsen and staff, the Chemotherapy unit at UIHC, Iowa City Hospice, and the staff at all of these entities for the wonderful care they gave her during the past 4 years.

To view the livesteam, please visit the Jones & Eden Funeral Home Facebook page using the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Jones-Eden-Funeral-Home-119957608060665/>

The video will appear at the start of the service.

Cemetery

Elm Grove Cemetery

Washington, IA, 52353

Comments



“ Pat was such a wonderful person! I always looked forward to visiting her in her store in Ames. Her selection of jewelry was special and so carefully chosen, reflecting her own perfect taste and commitment to doing things just right. It was a pleasure to visit with her there, to hear about her family to whom she was devoted, and to say hello to her much loved West Highland terriers who were cherished members of the downtown Ames community. We lost so much sparkle when Pat closed her store and moved to Iowa City, and all my sympathy goes out to her family and many friends who have lost such a remarkable person.

Jane Acker - March 06 at 06:27 PM



“ I was so grateful to have had Pat as a friend. We met at Iowa State at Curtiss Hall where we both worked. We'd go out to lunch and chat and eat and laugh a lot! I remember one time we went to Lucallan's for the lunch buffet. When we finished lunch our African-American waiter started to clear our table and told us, "you white chicks sure can eat"! We laughed and laughed; we really did have a lot of plates on our table! Oh my, I will never forget that.

I missed her when she left Iowa State to open the downtown jewelry store, Nature's Touch. I loved shopping there; she had a good eye for beautiful, pretty jewelry and a great knack for displaying it. I sent many of my ISU bosses there to purchase gifts for their wives. Whenever I wear my Nature's Touch jewelry; I think of Pat. Her dogs had the best manners; they were wonderful store greeters. I was happy for her when she sold the store and retired.

I always enjoyed hearing about the excursions she'd planned for Rhonda on the weekends. It was neat to see the special bond between them.

She had the most upbeat attitude of anyone I've ever known and she will always hold a special place in my heart.

Kris Peterson

Kris Peterson - March 05 at 04:29 PM



“ I met Pat in her lovely store in downtown Ames and was so sad to see her leave. She was so helpful in converting many of my late mother's screwback earrings so I could (and still do) wear them, and restringing numerous necklaces inherited from my mother and two aunts. She was a delight, and so missed. Her store was always a bright, happy place to stop.

Joan White



Joan White - March 02 at 09:51 PM



“ Pat was a dear friend. I knew her first when she was a Nutrition Specialist at ISU and followed the development of Nature's Touch as she built it into a thriving business. My son often called her at her store from Texas to have her select and send a gift to Mom or me. He often gave her very little time to select and send whatever jewelry she decided we would like. So she often had to use overnight mail, but he trusted her with his credit card number and her honesty in treating us all fairly. I was sad when she moved to Iowa City. But, since then we have moved to San Antonio to be near this son so I have not seen her since the terrible cancer that took her life. She was a brave soul and had a loving spirit. I'm sure the family will feel her loss deeply, but can take comfort in knowing that she is fondly remembered by many people. She touched many lives. Janis Stone



Janis Stone - March 02 at 04:51 PM



“ I, too, met Pat at the swimming pool, but in Iowa City, where she retired! My daughter was a lifeguard and she also got to know Pat. In spite of all the health curveballs thrown at her, she had a strong positive attitude to tackle all these hurdles (a credit to her Iowa farm girl upbringing!). Her wit and positivity will always remain with us!



Valerie Schnoebelen - March 02 at 10:11 AM



“ I first met Pat when she worked as a specialist with Iowa State University Extension. There was an immediate bond since I was living in Washington County and she had grown up there. We certainly shared lasting memories working the Farm Progress Show one of the years it was in Amana. We learned how to get thousands (yes thousands) of "Soy Good Oatmeal Cookies" to the show each day. She helped me select numerous pieces of jewelry to wear and to give as gifts from her shop, Natures Touch. I will always remember her for knowing all the places that had the best cinnamon rolls, brownies, and coffee. I have a fond memory of she and Rhonda visiting our church food stand during RAGBRI to enjoy brownies and ice cream. She excelled at shopping second hand stores and loved to share pictures of figurines and assorted gifts she had found for Rhonda. She used to brag how her dad had taught her how to get a dime out of every nickel. I will never see the color purple without thinking of Pat. She taught me many tips on how to get the most and best food with my WW points - she should have been the leader! Her cancer journey was hard. I kept praying that she would be the one to beat the odds. But God still used her gifts to His glory. All the students and staff she helped to educate along the way will be better healers for knowing her. She definitely succeeded in her goal to confront cancer with dignity, grace, and humor. While I already feel the void, I am thankful she is at peace and no longer in pain. I am grateful to have had her in my life and will pray for comfort and peace for her family and friends. With love, Jan Temple

Jan Temple - March 01 at 06:32 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of Pat’s passing. Thoughts and prayers to all the family.
Angela, Jeff and Josh Ulferts
Mallory and Dan Lang



Angela Ulferts - February 28 at 11:04 AM



“ I remember Pat from swimming at Ames Fitness. We always had great conversation's. I have missed her, and getting to see Rhonda on occasion, and hearing stories about her. Such a doll, and I can't imagine how much she will miss her! I also enjoyed hearing about her 5 sisters and how much she loved them all. She was so spunky and so put-together and very sassy and funny.

You all have my sympathy and understanding.

Lyn Foshe - February 28 at 06:15 AM



“ I knew Pat when she worked in Extension at ISU and then continued our friendship when visiting at her downtown store in Ames. She always had a smile and welcomed you.

Nancy Holcomb



Nancy Holcomb - February 27 at 04:03 PM



“ Marsha and Jenn,

The first time Jenn spoke to us about her beloved Aunt Pat, we understood Pat was an extraordinary woman. Jenn's eyes shined bright when she spoke about Pat's infectious good-humor, her persistent zest for life, and her generous engagement with her family and community. We hold you close to our heart.

Joy Smith and David Rust

Joy Smith - February 27 at 09:47 AM



“ Linda Colhouer lit a candle in memory of Patricia A Redlinger



Linda Colhouer - February 26 at 11:03 PM



“ The Wilfrid (Bill) & Clarabell Vittetoe family want to send our sympathy & prayers to Pats sisters and the extended Redlinger family s . They were certainly some of the old guard, back during our family s growing up years.
The Vittetoes

wilfrid vittetoe - February 25 at 02:25 PM



“ Will always remember her wonderfully smile.

Joyce Marie - February 25 at 12:07 PM



“ Gosh what sparkle she gave ! Pat’s friendship was such a gift to me. I loved her ability to enjoy the little things, a cinnamon roll , second go round treasures, etc. I so admired her relationship with her family ,especially Rhonda. Pat would tell me expressions Rhonda would say that would get us both laughing. I am so very thankful for the trips we did together,the meals we shared,and for all the texting and phone visits we’ve shared. I’ve learned so much from Pat . Her grateful mannor ,her bond with Marsha,her ability to move forward with a positive outlook are just some of the things I admired. I will carry her friendship with me always.
Thank you for sharing your sister with me, I loved her so,
Nancy Shaul

Nancy Shaul - February 25 at 07:32 AM



“ I want to send my thoughts and prayers to Pat's sisters. Pat always made me her Home Ec. teacher in junior high feel so proud to see her go on in a career of Food and Nutrition. She was so kind and fun. I have always cherished the silver spoon pin she made especially for me. She was so talented and caring. May she rest in peace.

Rosemary Pacha - February 24 at 09:04 PM



“ Eva Kuykendall lit a candle in memory of Patricia A Redlinger



Eva Kuykendall - February 24 at 07:17 PM



“ LaVon Worley lit a candle in memory of Patricia A Redlinger



LaVon Worley - February 24 at 06:05 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear this. I knew Pat back in my high school days when she was a youngster. What a delightful and funny girl she was! I wish I had known her during her busy adult life of learning and teaching. The world is definitely better because she was here and touched so many lives.. I send best wishes and a prayer for peace to the whole family as they process this loss.

LaVon Worley - February 24 at 05:56 PM



“ Stephen Wolfer lit a candle in memory of Patricia A Redlinger



Stephen Wolfer - February 24 at 02:08 PM



“ I only knew Pat briefly by sitting behind her or near her when Weight Watchers (WW) met in person in Coralville. She provided laughter and joy to our group, and I know she is missed by all of us Wednesday/10 a.m. WW people. She will be long remembered and cherished! It is hard to lose a sibling, but I hope you will soon have the peace of knowing she is healed where she is. - Janet Claassen

Janet Claassen - February 24 at 02:03 PM



“ I was officed in the (no longer there) basement of Curtiss when Pat first came to work in Extension. We had lots of laughs in that old place where the first Home Ec kitchen was built. I remember rummaging through the cabinets and finding vintage kitchen 'appliances' and gadgets. Sometimes we didn't even know what they were for! We had great potlucks there, too (yes, the kitchen still functioned well). I was lucky to see the creation of Nature's Touch around that time. Still have some of Pat's lovely jewelry.

Sorrel Brown

Sorrel Brown - February 24 at 10:56 AM



“ Sherrie Hazen-Hansen lit a candle in memory of Patricia A Redlinger



Sherrie Hazen-Hansen - February 24 at 10:31 AM



“ Marsha, I'm so sorry for the loss of Pat. I know you did everything you could to help her along her journey. Being an "only" I haven't experienced losing siblings, but I have seen with Gary the empty spot in leaves in your life. God bless.

Gary & Karen Pregon



Karen Pregon - February 24 at 10:21 AM



“ Peggy Crull lit a candle in memory of Patricia A Redlinger



Peggy Crull - February 24 at 08:59 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss! Know that our thoughts are with you! Katrina and Mike Altenhofen

Katrina Altenhofen - February 24 at 08:49 AM



“ Becky Harkema lit a candle in memory of Patricia A Redlinger



Becky Harkema - February 24 at 08:43 AM



“ Dana Rembold lit a candle in memory of Patricia A Redlinger



Dana Rembold - February 24 at 08:37 AM



“ We were so sorry to learn of Pat's death. Roger and Pat worked on some projects together when they were professors in Extension at ISU. I met Pat when she owned Nature's Touch on Main Street in Ames. We became business owner/customer friends. We had many happy conversations together in N.T. We'd laugh, love her dogs, and talk about life. Pat always was helpful in selecting items for me, my friends and family. She'd take out one of her black trays and start filling it with jewelry that we picked out together. Before I left Pat would offer me a purple wrapped Hershey kiss from her candy dish. I missed Pat and her store when she moved to Iowa City. I'm so happy that I had the opportunity to know her when she lived in Ames. She was a natural "people person" who greeted her customers with a welcoming smile when they entered her store that was all decked out with purple accents and purple gift boxes.

Blessings,

Dr. Roger and Rochelle Ginder, Ames, IA

Rochelle and Roger Ginder - February 23 at 09:17 PM



“ When Pat first came over to Stewart School, I remember just being in awe of her because she took charge at recess and organized fun activities and because she was a brainiac! I would measure how well I did on Iowa Basic Skills Tests by where she scored! For as many years as I have known Pat she had an especially tender heart for her younger sister Rhonda, and she enriched Rhonda's life by planning trips and experiences for the two of them! I am so glad I got to reconnect after our busy years of life and hear some stories of what she had done with her energies and gifts! She was so content with her two canine friends and just enjoying the beauty around her home! I admired Pat's spunk and fight, but equally her positivity and attempts to enrich my days with humorous and encouraging posts, even while struggling with cancer! Thank you God for Pat's life

Jan Vacha Caldwell - February 23 at 07:51 PM



“ Pat was a wonderful ISU Extension co-worker. She always had a bright smile and great knowledge to share with staff and lowans. I also enjoyed shopping at Nature's Touch and meeting her faithful terriers. They were official store meeters and greeters! I treasure several pieces of Pat's jewelry, especially a beautiful strand of fresh water pearls. Susan McDonnell-Brumm

Susan McDonnell-Brumm - February 23 at 05:55 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Pat's passing and send our condolences to her family! We met Pat and her doggies at her lovely jewelry shop, Nature's Touch, in Ames, Iowa. In visiting with her, we discovered she and my husband's sister had gone to school together at Marycrest. From then on, whenever we'd stop in, she always asked about her. She was such a warm, outgoing person, and we would end up staying longer, visiting and playing with her dogs. I have some wonderful pieces of unique jewelry from Pat's shop. It became a tradition in our family to open the purple boxes from Nature's Touch at Christmas. We were disappointed when Pat closed shop, but we were happy for her. We hope that her family may be comforted by the dear memories shared here. She will be missed. God bless! Vince and Yvonne Simon

Yvonne and Vince Simon - February 26 at 07:19 PM



“ Steve Chalupa lit a candle in memory of Patricia A Redlinger



Steve Chalupa - February 23 at 05:51 PM



“ Don & Jackie Marie lit a candle in memory of Patricia A Redlinger



Don & Jackie Marie - February 23 at 04:02 PM