



Patti Jean Casteel

March 19, 1947 - November 4, 2019

ADDISON- Patti Jean Casteel, age 72, of Devils Lake in Addison, MI, and a resident at the Jacqueline House Assisted Living in Cement City, MI passed away on November 4, 2019 surrounded by her loving family.

Patti was born on March 19, 1947 to Paul and Jean (Wonder) Abbett. She graduated from Adrian High School in 1965. She went on to Eastern Michigan University where she earned both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in English Literature, graduating with honors. Patti married her high school sweetheart, Charles (Pete) Casteel, on February 7, 1970 and they have shared many adventures in their nearly 50 years of marriage.

She was a lifelong learner and attended Siena Heights University majoring in Art and earning her teaching certificate. She was an instructor for Wayne County Community College, and later became an English and Social Studies teacher at Sand Creek Community Schools. Painting was her passion and she was also a talented musician. She taught piano lessons out of the home for many years. She was an accomplished writer and poet, who lived her life boldly and with purpose. In 2008, Patti was called to join the Catholic faith and attended St. Mary's on the Lake Catholic Church.

Patti is survived by her husband, Charles (Pete) Casteel; daughter, Dana (William) Kruse of Brighton, MI, and grandchildren Maxwell(15) and Madeline(12); daughter Jill (Jon) Mason of Jackson, MI, and grandchildren Andrew(15), Lily (13) and Maya (10); sister, Janet (Ken) Brown of Adrian MI; niece, Wendy (Trevor) Bender of Elkhart, IN; and the Rink and Falberg family cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, November 15, 2019 at Wagley Funeral Home, 1501 W Maumee Street in Adrian, MI. A memorial service will take place at 12 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Wagley Funeral Home

1501 W. Maumee St., Adrian, MI, US, 49221

NOV **Memorial Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Jay Scarsella and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Patti Jean Casteel.



Jay Scarsella and Family - November 15, 2019 at 07:29 AM



“ Sorry for your loss Dana! Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Much love, Heather (Garcia) Wilson



Heather Wilson - November 14, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Patti's passing, she was always a pleasure to visit with. My sincere condolences to Pete, the family and friends.

Darlene Heller - November 14, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ The Falberg Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Patti Jean Casteel.



The Falberg Family - November 14, 2019 at 07:41 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patti Jean Casteel.



November 13, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ Pete Rosenkrands purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patti Jean Casteel.



Pete Rosenkrands - November 12, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patti Jean Casteel.



November 12, 2019 at 06:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patti Jean Casteel.



November 12, 2019 at 04:31 PM



“ Pete & Family:
Thinking of you during this difficult time.
Joe & Carole Hutnan

Carole Hutnan - November 12, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ Eight years ago, Patti wrote a moving tribute to my father on this very site which brought me much comfort. Two years later, around this same time of year, Patti wound her way through a sea of people at my four-month-old grandson's funeral and gave me a huge embrace. These two small acts of kindness are my most vivid memories of her, although I do remember her from picnics at Aunt Jean's and Uncle Paul's, at holiday get togethers at Grandma and Grandpa Wonder's, and from the summer long ago when I was cool on the playground at Garfield School because my cousin was the recreation leader there.

Janet, Pete, Dana, Jill and all the rest of the family, we hurt with you at her passing, and pray for God's comfort in your lives. In 1 Corinthians, the Bible says that death is an "enemy" and that it has a "sting". Yet further on, in the last book of the Bible, we're told that there will come a time when God wipes away all tears and that crying, sorrow, pain, and even death itself, will cease to be. May all of you be comforted in God's love now, and, may He rest Patti's soul in peace.

Cousin,
David Rink

Julia - November 11, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ Your loving friends in the Monday Group purchased the Share the Health for the family of Patti Jean Casteel.



Your loving friends in the Monday Group - November 11, 2019 at 02:34 PM



“ Pete & family,
I was saddened to hear about Patti's passing. My thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Patti was one of my best childhood friends. We spent many summer afternoons playing games or eating raspberries as we cut through neighbors backyards between

our houses. I will always remember teaching her to do a cartwheel in her backyard before she tried out for cheerleading.

Patti was a beautiful person on the outside but even more important she was beautiful on the inside. Although her talents were many, one of her most important was making people feel welcome & important.

Although we were not in contact as much after college, I looked forward to seeing her whenever I returned to Adrian especially after we had children. I was especially happy to see her at our 50 th high school reunion.

I'm blessed to have had her a part of my life even so long ago. The world is a much sadder place without her.

My thoughts & prayers are with you Pete & your family as you continue forward without her. Please know that many others share your grief & loss.

In friendship,
Mary (Hanlin) Macomber
Class oh 1965

Mary Macomber - November 10, 2019 at 11:14 PM



“ Keeping you and your family in our prayers and thoughts of sweet Patti. Ellie, Suzie and Clark

Suzie Graham - November 10, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ Cross Wind Chime - Silver was purchased for the family of Patti Jean Casteel.



November 06, 2019 at 11:29 PM



“ Pete, Janet, and family of Patti,
I knew Patti since we began seventh grade. I was pretty new to Adrian and she was very nice to me. That began a long friendship.
I remember so many things about Patti. How she was just so darn beautiful! Those green eyes (although at one time she hated them and wanted brown contacts!) were so lovely. She was tiny and shapely even in those ugly box pleated skirts and knee socks we wore in high school.
We had classes together, cheerleading together, were on Homecoming Court together, and she was always kind. We called her Rabbit because it rhymed with Abbett. She never complained about that.

Rooming closely at Brown Hall at EMU was a hoot. She had a wicked sense of humor but would occasionally get her feelings hurt. One time we went to Florida at spring break and whomever's car we drove wouldn't let Patti drive because she was too short. She was furious! She lectured us all the way home about how short people could do the same things as we could just as well.

She was very smart, very creative, musical, and fun to know. It was lovely to renew our friendship years ago, and I will miss having her in my life.

Love to you all. She loved you all very much.

Betty Duncan
Class of 65
Goldsboro, North Carolina



Betty Duncan - November 06, 2019 at 08:37 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Pete. Will always remember Patti and the great class of 65. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Gloria Sauter Emery

Gloria Emery - November 06, 2019 at 05:57 PM



“ Love, The Popovs purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patti Jean Casteel.



Love, The Popovs - November 06, 2019 at 01:20 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers be with the family. May God bless her and keep her in His arms. May the good memories help to carry you all through. Deepest sympathies,
Garry and Darlene Morris



“ Patti was a beloved member of St. Mary on the Lake Catholic Church. We truly enjoyed her presence with us. Her paintings, artwork, and poems enhanced our spiritual and artistic lives. She will be deeply missed. Our prayers and sympathy to Pete, and their children and grandchildren.

John and Jean Schaub - November 06, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patti Jean Casteel.



November 06, 2019 at 09:14 AM



“ Love and hugs to her family

theresa griewahn - November 05, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ My deepest condolences Casteel and Abbett Families. May Patti be surrounded by Aunt Jeanie and Uncle Paul, Grandma and Grandpa Wonder, my Mom and Dad, and all other loved ones who came before her. Her mind and body are finally free. Wishing her eternal peace. God Bless.

Laura Rink - November 05, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ John & I would like to wish the Casteel Family sincere sympathy. Patti is now at peace. God bless you & your family. John & JoAnne Barrett

John & JoAnne Barrett - November 05, 2019 at 07:49 AM



“ Thank you! I know you have been a good friend to my Dad as he navigated the last few years without her. We ordered some beautiful flowers from Barrett's for her memorial service. Sincerely,
Dana

