



## Patricia Mae Sanborn

February 19, 1940 - January 10, 2026

Patricia Sanborn, 85, of Onsted, passed away January 10, 2026 under the care of Hospice. Pat was born at home in Fairfield, Michigan to Virgia Lois (Hough) and Floyd Nelson Hall on February 19, 1940. Pat grew up in Fairfield and graduated from Sand Creek High School in 1957. She dated a neighbor boy that she later married. Douglas Sanborn and Patricia Hall were married on October 5, 1957 at Fairfield Baptist Church. Pat began her career as a title examiner with Moore Abstract in Adrian when she was 17. She also worked for Lawyer's Title and Metropolitan Title before retiring in 1998 to take care of her aunt. She was great at her job and had coworkers come to her with questions that she could answer from memory.

Doug and Pat moved to Onsted in 1965 to realize the dream of owning a farm. They began with a couple ponies and chickens before buying their first Guernsey cow, Guern. Milking was by hand and put in milk cans until stanchions were installed in their little barn. They milked cows for many years, raised sheep and crops. Over the years, Peb-L-Brook Farm had some award-winning Guernsey's. They also had Holsteins and Jerseys before they stopped milking. Many years were spent showing cows at local fairs as well as the Michigan State Fair.

Pat's love for helping others was a reason her and Doug became a foster home in 1971. Before they stopped, their home had fostered over 400 kids. Many of them still called her "Mom". Pat and Doug attended Gateway Community Church in Onsted where they were members. Pat had a strong

faith even after she began her journey with dementia. She would encourage others to trust God for guidance and wanted them to know about Jesus, her savior.

Pat is survived by her children: Kurt (Michelle) Sanborn, Jill (Brian) Merriman, Victoria Sanborn, Kyle (Sheila) Sanborn, and Nathaniel (Hannah Whiteye) Sanborn. In addition, she is survived by their special kids. Steve (Patti) Hood, Robin (Rachel) Hood, Patricia Hall, and Rorey Smith and by 13 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. Surviving Pat is also her brother, Richard (Barbara) Hall, and sister, Diane Goodyear. She was preceded in death by her husband, Doug, son, Ricky Sanborn, granddaughter, Zoolaka Pugh, great granddaughter, Amelia Brackmann, parents, and sisters Janet Lou and Merrill Louise.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 14, from 4:00 to 7:00pm At Wagley Funeral home in Adrian. Funeral service will be Thursday, January 15, at 2:00pm with visitation beginning at 1:00pm at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian with Pastors Craig and Tom McMichael officiating. Burial will follow at Fairfield Cemetery.

Pat's family would like to thank: the staff of Senior Moments Assisted Living Home for the wonderful care they gave Mom for the three years she was there; Robyn her Hospice nurse, who showed Mom love, compassion, and could always make Mom laugh or smile; and Shelby, the music therapist, who brought joy to Mom whenever she played. Memorial contributions can be made to Gateway Community Church or Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairfield Cemetery

7011 S. Adrian Hwy  
Fairfield Township, MI 49221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **14.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Visitation

JAN **15.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Patricia Mae Sanborn*



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**Wagley Funeral Home** - January 14 at 11:48 AM

RS

*A beautiful service for a beautiful person - inside and out.*

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**Rorey Smith** - January 15 at 08:06 PM

GL

“ *Gerald & Laurie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Patricia Mae Sanborn.*



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**Gerald & Laurie** - January 14 at 01:50 PM

RS

“ To the woman who took in a scared, malnourished four-year-old boy and showed him what it meant to be safe: thank you. Mom (Pat) was the first person to show me that love knows no boundaries. I arrived at her doorstep at four years old, a child in need of healing and a home. She gave me both.

*She taught me that our lives are defined by what we give back. Because of her influence, I strive to extend a hand to others and live a life of purpose and responsibility before God. She turned a "stranger's home" into my home, and a frightened boy into a man of character.*

*With a loving and grateful heart, I say thank you for everything, Mom.*

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**Rorey Smith** - January 13 at 07:51 PM

JR

*Pat was one of the best friends one could have. She was a lady in every way and one we admired. In our early marriages we had so much fun together. They came to know the Lord and that made us even closer, even though we lived so far apart. My heart hurts that I can't be there to support Jill and her brothers. We love you all. We will have a glorious reunion in heaven soon. Rich and Joyce Rathbun, Tucson, AZ*

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**Joyce Rathbun** - January 15 at 01:56 PM

RS

“ Rorey Smith lit a candle in memory of Patricia Sanborn



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**Rorey Smith** - January 13 at 07:45 PM

JC

“ Jason, jody & Baylee Carlisle-Whiteye purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Patricia Mae Sanborn.



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**Jason, jody & Baylee Carlisle-Whiteye** - January 13 at 01:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia Mae Sanborn.



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January 13 at 12:18 PM

FG

“ F&S Godbee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patricia Mae Sanborn.



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**F&S Godbee** - January 13 at 10:04 AM

RM

“ Roy & Kathy Mutter purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Patricia Mae Sanborn.



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**Roy & Kathy Mutter** - January 13 at 09:58 AM

MR

“ Pat has surely earned her wings with all she has done fostering children she had a loving nature. RIP

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**Margie Reed** - January 12 at 09:44 PM

DH

“ I met Pat Hall as a young girl, when my sisters and I visited our Grandma and Grandpa, Clair and Aurel Force in Fairfield. She lived across the road from them next to Sanborn's house. Some of the family might remember our visits. Our Mom was their daughter Audette Force Vollmer. Mat Pat rest in peace. Her smile was great. Condolences from Deborah Vollmer Hayford, Wendy Vollmer Brandt and Claudia Vollmer Connors (deceased).

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**Deborah Vollmer Hayford** - January 12 at 04:31 PM

DG

I am Pat's sister, Diane Hall Goodyear, and I remember you and your sisters as well as your grandparents. Your Grandma Aurel was really close with our Aunt M (Emma) James. Your Mom made my wedding cake almost 60 years ago. My husband has been gone 8 years in February so imagine Pat is having quite a reunion with him, her husband Doug, our parents and many others. Sorry to learn about Claudia. Thank you so much for sharing your memories of Pat.

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**Diane Goodyear** - January 12 at 09:19 PM

CC

“ I met Pat( Ma) back when Rick and I worked together at the Grasshopper. She always welcomed me like family and with love. Her. And Doug were very great people. They and Rick will all be greatly missed. Much love to the family.💔💔💜

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**Charli Carmody** - January 12 at 04:15 PM

LK

“ Love: Matt, Juli, Dan, and Kimmy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Patricia Mae Sanborn.



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**Love: Matt, Juli, Dan, and Kimmy** - January 12 at 01:35 PM

HT

“ Herb & Tricia purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Patricia Mae Sanborn.



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**Herb & Tricia** - January 12 at 11:09 AM

ER

“ Mom sends condolences to your family! Pat is now with my Dad enjoying being pain free!

*Elaine Rinehart*

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**Elaine Rinehart** - January 12 at 11:02 AM

CH

“ What a wonderful lady. Met Pat when she fostered children. Always a kind caring woman. Prayers to her family.

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**Cathy Han** - January 11 at 07:57 PM

RJ

“ Roger and Lonna Johnson purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Patricia Mae Sanborn.



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**Roger and Lonna Johnson** - January 11 at 04:50 PM

PA

“ Pat was the best! She was my refuge as a teen!

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**Pamela** - January 11 at 04:11 PM