



## Patti K Miller

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Llama lying on

Her side in sunny pasture

Listening to earth breath

-PK (Klumpp) Miller

Whether reading (at times well into the night only to be startled awake when the book slipped from her hands), corresponding with her many friends & treasured family (April, her birthday month, is National Poetry Month as introduced and organized by the Academy of American Poets. Patti, endeavoring to increase its awareness and appreciation, always made sure to send everyone a poem of hers or a work of one of her many admired poets: Ada Limon, Joy Harjo and Robert Bly to name a few), writing poetry (haiku-her favorite form, having read the likes of Basho, Buson and Issa), mixing sugar elixir for hummingbirds in Summer, in Winter, making sure they were plenty of sunflower seeds for her feathered friends or playing Scrabble with her loving partner, Constance, Patti easily managed to avoid housework. Ada, her mini Schnauzer, loved this about Patti. It meant so much more time for a long walk that Patti termed a “sniff-ari”.

The way that life exists and changes of its own accord deeply inspired Patti. Drawn to Zen Buddhism, she often referred to Thich Nhat Hanh. No mud, No Lotus. A long held tenet of Patti's. Ada yet agrees.

Patti was born on April 17th, 1952 in Camp LeJeune, North Carolina to parents Esther Bertha (nee Kutzbach) Klumpp and Alvin George Klumpp. As, too, her beloved sister, Vicki Klumpp-Browne (Kurt) fourteen months later.

Later moved to Michigan, as a child, Patti held precious the time at the farm of her Grandparents, Hazel and George Klumpp, in Hersey, MI.

Ever a student of life, Patti excelled in school...thoughts dancing with words. Words, in any language, she eagerly loved to learn.

Reed City High School (class of 1970) became the stepping stone on Patti's journey to higher education. She eventually, earned her B.A. from MSU, M.A. from University of Nebraska-Lincoln and coursework for her Doctorate in English Lit. at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Patti was a long time employee of Ann Arbor District Library as she lived in Saline and later Tecumseh, MI.

Patti passed on July 3, 2024 after a short illness at Hospice of Lenawee County in Adrian, MI.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Esther, father, Alvin, adoptive father, Larry and cousin, Carol Klumpp.

Patti is survived by her loving partner of fifty years, Constance, her sisters, Vicki (Kurt), Sally, and Michelle (Chuck), brother, Mark (Annette), Uncle, Elmer Klumpp, her Aunt, Joan Klumpp, and Cousin Cathy (Klumpp) McCabe (Richard).

Her cherished nephews, Evan and Aaron, gave Patti great joy along with a number of loved nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hospice of Lenawee County or The American Library Association.

Patti's wishes were that she be cremated. Later interred in Hersey (MI) Cemetery with family. A memorial service will be held at that time.

One of Patti's many favored poems was Mary Oliver's, *Mysteries, Yes*

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Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous to be understood.

How grass can be nourishing in

Mouths of the lambs.

How rivers and stones are forever

In allegiance with gravity

While we ourselves dream of rising.

How two hands touch and the bonds will

Never be broken.

How people come, from delight or the

The scars of damage,

To the comfort of a poem.

Let me keep my distance, always, from those

Who think they have the answers.

Let me keep company always with those who say,

"Look!" and laugh in astonishment,

And bow their heads. -Mary Oliver

All who have come to know and love Patti, will understand why.

# Cemetery Details

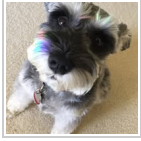
## Hersey Cemetery

Hersey, MI

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



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Ada Estherfae - July 28, 2024 at 10:45 AM

JS

“ I was so happy to reconnect with Patti after so many years. We have a group of girls from the class of 1970 who meet for lunch and catch up at least once a year. Patti joined in a couple years back. Such a beautiful and intelligent, inspiring soul. She shared her poetry with me. I wish she had published. To my knowledge she had not. May she rest in peace... Cousin, Jan (Miller) Sims

Jan Sims - July 15, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ My cousin Patti was a treasured member of the Klumpp family. I have so many fond memories of our gatherings at Grandma Hazel's farm in Hersey, as well as the Evart 4H fair, family reunion picnics and the Lake Michigan beach. Patti truly loved spending time with her family, especially her dear sister Vicki and her family. Patti certainly had a passion for reading, and for her sweet little dog, Ada. However, most important to Patti was her special relationship with her long-time partner Connie, who she's loved dearly. Patti will be greatly missed by all of us, but we'll honor her memory and try to smile when we think of our many happy times together.

Cathy McCabe - July 13, 2024 at 01:57 PM

KF

“ Patti and I were friends in highschool. I remember one summer she, Susan crane, Deb Ruttle and I camped at Iudington a lot. We had so much laughter and fun! She helped put on my wedding shower, or could have been in attendance at but on my card she wrote Remember after the beautiful violin has played The strings are still attached I feel privileged to have known patti , she will be missed at the wonderful GNO gatherings we have been having.  
Karen weck finkbeiner

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karen finkbeiner - July 12, 2024 at 11:33 PM



“ More photos of our Patti❤️



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Ada Estherfae - July 12, 2024 at 05:44 PM