



## Patricia A. Collien

July 7, 1936 - May 1, 2025

Patricia “Pat” A. Collien, 88, of Fond du Lac, died on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at her residence.

She was born on July 7, 1936, in Fond du Lac, the daughter of Lawrence and Nina Garrett Chapin. On September 18, 1954, she married Richard E. Collien. Pat was a foster parent for 50 years, caring for countless children during that time. Pat received an award, for her 50 years of being a foster care provider, from the Fond du Lac County. When her and Richard’s children were young, they enjoyed camping and taking driving trips. She enjoyed gambling, especially visiting Las Vegas and Oneida. Pat liked sewing, and was known for her ability to remove any spots or stains. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with all her family, and her special kitten Keno.

She is survived by her husband Richard, her children: Juanita (David) Steiner, Lawrence (Crystal) Collien, Dennis (Sarah) Collien, and Ricky (Lisa) Collien; her special daughter Barb (Dennis) Schwartz, her grandchildren: Daniel Steiner, Tanya King and fiancé Nick, Melissa Steiner, Craig Collien, Brian Collien, Jason Collien, Nicholas (Tanja) Emerich, Jennifer (Ken) Erickson, Kevin (Jessica) Collien, Anthony Collien, Chase Collien, Eric (Alexia) Collien, Adam (Mindy) Collien, Evan Collien, and Andrew Collien; 21 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren, sister-in-law Naomi Collien, many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her grandson Dennis Kevin Collien, her sisters: Phyllis Hebert and Marylou Braford; and her brother-in-law Darold

Collien.

The family would like to thank hospice nurse Erin for her care and compassion shown to Pat, and thanks to Pat's neighbor Rae for her care and companionship.

VISITATION: The family will greet friends and relatives from 9:00 - 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Sacred Heart Church of Holy Family Parish, 200 South Peters Avenue, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Memorial Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Sacred Heart Church of Holy Family Parish. Inurnment to follow at Chapel of the Risen Christ Mausoleum in Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

686 Fond du Lac Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church of Holy Family Parish  
200 South Peters Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## Memorial Mass

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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200 South Peters Avenue  
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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Pat I want you to know you and Dick saved my life when I was 14 you both took me in and gave me a home with love and displine. You also gave me sisters that also gave me advice. Pat I love and miss you everyday and am so sorry I missed the day you were laid to rest. Rest in Peace loving caring and wonderful Ma I and many other young women needed. Love you always Ma.

*Love Kathleen (Fry) Bunkert*

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**Kathleen Bunkert** - January 19 at 06:14 PM

SR

“ Straightline Refrigeration purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Patricia A. Collien.



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**Straightline Refrigeration** - May 08, 2025 at 08:07 AM

RF

“ Pat has been my best friend for 18 years! Her family has become my family, I love them all so much! All I can say is friends to the end, I am blessed to have been holding her hand when she went to be with Jesus. I will never forget her voice saying be nice Rae

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**Raelene Frederick** - May 01, 2025 at 07:11 PM

ML

*Sorry for your loss Cheri*

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**Marjean Lerch** - May 02, 2025 at 10:13 AM

CS

*Sorry for the loss of your mother, Juanita💎  
❤️ Carla (Jacobs) Stubbe*

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**Carla Stubbe** - May 02, 2025 at 04:43 PM

JR

*Pat's smile was contagious!! I am one of the Meals on Wheels drivers. I always enjoyed dropping the meal of and chit chatting with Pat and Richard. Sending my condolences.*

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**Julie Rist** - May 04, 2025 at 07:59 PM

MS

“ Adam,

*Sorry to hear about the death of your grandmother. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Mike*

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**Mike Schaalma** - May 01, 2025 at 02:35 PM