



Patsy R. Lautenschlager

June 21, 1925 - October 22, 2019

Patsy Ruth (Oleson) Lautenschlager, died on October 22, 2019. The oldest of Harvey and Florence Oleson's five children, Pat was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on June 21, 1925. She married her high school sweetheart, Milton "Fritz" Lautenschlager (1926-2012), on April 5, 1947. They had one daughter, Peggy Ann Lautenschlager (1955-2018).

Pat graduated from the Oshkosh State Teachers College. During World War II, she was selected to participate in the Curtiss-Wright Cadettes, a group of women who took specialized aero-engineering courses at Purdue University to design aircraft for the U.S. military. After graduating from college, Pat and Fritz moved to Fond du Lac.

Pat believed deeply in the value of education. Over the course of a teaching career that spanned more than 50 years, she taught math to thousands of students. At the beginning of school years, Pat read *The Little Engine that Could* to remind her students that anything is achievable. She taught at Roosevelt, Woodworth, and Sabish Junior High Schools. After retiring from the Fond du Lac School District, Pat continued to educate students in the Fond du Lac community by teaching at UW-Fond du Lac.

Pat and Fritz were avid travelers. They particularly enjoyed going on cruises. Pat kept journals with descriptions of their travels, and she shared her joy of

learning about the world through travel with her family and friends.

Pat was a devoted mother and grandmother. She and Fritz were joined by family on many of their trips. And they often had ice cream sandwiches to offer to their grandkids. Pat was also active in the community. She was a member of the Saturday Lecture Club, and she attended numerous political events.

Pat is survived by her son-in-law, Bill Rippl; grandchildren and step-grandchildren Jason Rippl (Marnie Spielbauer), Josh Kaul (Lindsey Powell), Justin Rippl (Alicia), Ryan Kaul (Kelly Bridgeman), and Rebecca Johnson (Brandon); her great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren Elias Johnson, Simon Kaul, Emma Johnson, Henry Kaul, Will Rippl, and Beau Rippl.

VISITATION: Will take place on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac.

FUNERAL: A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. at Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to the Fond du Lac High School Math Team.

Pat's family would like to thank the staff at The Liberty House and Generations Hospice for the care and kindness they gave to Pat.

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathy to All of Mrs. Lautenschlager's family. (I was on a month long trip and just returned.) I feel so badly that I didn't get to say goodbye to her. I visited with her at least once a week at Lakeview Apts. when I visited my dad. I also attended many of the political events for Josh and Peggy and frequently sat with her. She was so proud of her family. Mu thoughts are with you all. She was my Algebra teacher in Junior high, too. She was always kind and caring to me. Sending caring thoughts to all of you.

Marlene Andrews - November 01, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patsy R. Lautenschlager.



October 27, 2019 at 12:30 PM

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“ Bill & I are so sorry to hear of your loss Patsy was a wonderful woman and will be deeply missed! God bless her family.

Bill - October 26, 2019 at 07:56 PM

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“ Bill & Arlene Abitz lit a candle in memory of Patsy R. Lautenschlager



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