

Patricia "Patty" was born on April 20, 1946, in Fosston, MN to Bud and Pearl Watne. She was baptized and confirmed at Lund Lutheran Church in Gully, MN. She grew up on a farm north of Gully and graduated from Gonvick High School.

After graduation, she moved to Anoka, MN where she met and was united in marriage to Ed Nicolay. From this union, John, Michelle, and Pam were born. Following this time, they moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming where she attended and graduated beauty school. They later divorced.

In 1974, she returned home to Gully, MN. On August 17th, 1974, she was united in marriage to her high-school sweetheart, David Carlson. They began their life together living in Gully, along with Michelle and Pam. Later, from this union, Darrin "Punky" was born.

Patty had a special talent with all types of hand work. She worked as a beautician in several locations, until she eventually opened her own beauty shop at the Gully Mall. She was an expert baker, making cakes for all occasions, especially wedding and birthday cakes. Along with her talent for baking, she enjoyed collecting cookbooks. She had a knack for putting together plastic flower arrangements. She and her good friend Judy Seyller would spend several hours together quilting and sewing blankets for all in the basement of the Gully Mall. She also enjoyed making "tie" blankets with her daughter, Pam, for the confirmation graduates at the Lund Lutheran Church.

Patty loved old country music and dancing. A few of her favorite things to do were to attend the Midwest Country Show in Sandstone and dance in Trail on Sunday nights. She especially enjoyed a good game of solitaire with the help of her grandson, Jace. She was an active Auxiliary member of Post 603, bringing her famous potato salad to the annual Memorial Day service. Patty was a life-long member of Lund Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday school for several years and later became the president of Ladies Aide. In the summer of 2022, Patty and David were named the Grand Marshalls of Gully Days. Patty was always more than willing to lend a helping hand to all, and she was the first to send a thank-you note, as she would say, "You need to let them know you appreciate them."

Patty was the best wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend. Her grandkids will always treasure the memories spent eating lunch at the Gully Café, playing board and card games, her endless supply of special treats, including cherry pull n' peel licorice, and making potato klub and lefse. Her hands were rarely empty between the grandkids, great grandkids, and the grand dogs. She valued the time spent with her grandchildren the most.

Patty battled multiple debilitating health conditions, but she never let it slow her down (thanks to her chauffeur, David) and always kept that sparkle in her eye (especially when going to Walmart and Dollar Tree).

She is survived by her husband, David Carlson, daughters, Pam Dyr Dahl, Michelle (Tim) Nordlund, and son, John (Andrea) Nicolay, grandchildren, Ashley (Seth) Schmitz, Brittany (Nick) Corbett, Chance Dyr Dahl & Brittney, Ty Dyr Dahl, Jace Dyr Dahl, Keaton Glynn, Tanner (Mariah) Nordlund, Trever (Katrina) Nordlund, Tate Nordlund, Michayla "Shayla" Nordlund, Lucas (Karlee) Nicolay, Kendra Nicolay, and Colton Nicolay, great-grandkids, Landry Schmitz, Remi Corbett, baby girl Corbett due June 2023, Kinsley Dyr Dahl, Carson Ramsrud, Evelyn Nordlund, baby Nordlund due October 2023, sister, Shirley (Warren) Solheim, sister-in-law, Dianne Watne, sister-in-law Nancy (Richard) Lee, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Darrin "Punky" Carlson, parents, Pearl and Bud Watne, in-laws, Irene and Bennie Carlson, sister, Beverly, brothers, Gary and Ole Watne, brother-in-law, Brian Carlson, nephews, Patrick Lee and Wayne Solheim, and great-niece, Mari Vasend.

Blessed be her memory



Celebrating the Life of
Patricia "Patty" Carlson

April 20, 1946 ~ March 28, 2023





I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
ah, yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now:
He set me free.

Funeral Service

Saturday, April 15, 2023 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Lund Lutheran Church
Gully, Minnesota

Officiating

Dawn Hanson

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 † Romans 6:4 † Romans 8:18-21, 38-39

Organist

Cindy Bjerklie

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace"

"In the Garden"

Special Music (Visitation Service)

"Gathering Flowers for the Master's Bouquet" by Bailey Watne
"Shiny Silver Eagle" by Lane Watne
"My Favorite Memory" by family

Special Music (Funeral Service)

"Picture in a Frame" by Steve Watne
"Lead Me Home" by Tim Nordlund
"Stroll Over Heaven" by Josh Watne
"Pretty Words" & "The Closest Thing to Heaven" by Johnny Vincent

Attending Group

Gully American Legion Auxiliary Post 603

Pallbearers

Ashely Schmitz ~ Brittany Corbett ~ Kendra Nicolay
Shayla Nordlund ~ Tanner Nordlund ~ Chance Dyr Dahl
Trevor Nordlund ~ Lukas Nicolay ~ Colton Nicolay
Tate Nordlund ~ Ty Dyr Dahl ~ Jace Dyr Dahl
Keaton Glynn

Place of Rest

Lund Lutheran Cemetery
Gully, Minnesota

Interment will be held at a later date

*Please join the family for lunch and visiting after the service at the Gully Hall
across the street from the church.*