



Patricia Claudine Ruff

May 26, 1931 - August 3, 2013

Patricia Claudine Ruff, "Pat," often known as Mama Pat, Gramma Pat, or Gramma Great passed away at her home in Quincy on Saturday, August 3, 2013 surrounded by her family. She lived in East Wenatchee for 38 years. She was born on May 26, 1931 in Fullerton, CA to the late Herbert and Vida (Holly) Patterson. She took her first trip to the beaches of southern California as a baby in a wicker laundry basket, beginning her lifelong love of the ocean beaches. She attended elementary school, Jr. high and high school in Fullerton, graduating from Fullerton High School and attending Fullerton Jr. College, focusing on the arts and drama. At this time, she went to work in the box office of the local movie theater, where she caught the eye of Simon "Pete" Ruff. He drove by her box office regularly for one year, telling others' he had found "the one for him." He eventually found the courage to ask her for a date; they dated for 3 long weeks before running off to Las Vegas to get married. At the last minute they invited her parents along and were married at the local Methodist church in Las Vegas, Nevada, on December 15, 1951. Pete and Patty made their first home together in Brea, CA, where they remained until moving to Orangevale, CA, near Sacramento in 1958. In the fall of 1965, she reluctantly moved to East Wenatchee, WA following Pete's job opportunity; finally retiring to the Quincy area in 2005 to live near their oldest daughter.

Pat viewed her most important job as being wife, homemaker and mother. She loved God and was the fierce prayer warrior for her family and many

others. Over the years, she worked in various jobs part-time, in order to buy prom dresses, baseball gear, or various other extras for the family. She was an ever willing volunteer at the school for vaccinations, eye checks, voting needs, the school library and worked for a time supervising playground activities.

Pete and Pat shared a love of music, enjoying both ballroom and square dancing over the years. In the early years the entire family would put on music and all dance together in the living room, including the family dog. She was ever present and involved in church activities following the children to Bethesda in the 1970s. Both she and Pete accompanied the Bethesda singers in the fall of 1976 to Europe, Germany, Israel and the Middle East. Pat was the consummate, caring assistant, helping behind stage, dressing, doing make-up, providing a shoulder for crying or simply listening, which was her specialty.

She was not just a mother to her own children but was known as "Momma Pat," to their friends, as well any other strays in need of a mother. She and Pete had an "open door" policy for ministry to kids and those needing a place during the holiday season. She listened at length and prayed with and for many others over the years. She was soft spoken, light hearted, fun and fiercely protective of her children and grandchildren. She was known to occasionally drive a group of young girls in her Powder Blue Camaro, cruising the avenue during Apple Blossom. She looked too young to be the mama, but was "mighty" enough to keep everyone safe.

She was a member of the Free Methodist Church, most recently, Eastmont Community, East Wenatchee, a former longtime member of Trinity Methodist Church and Bethesda Church.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Pete Ruff, Quincy; three children and their spouses, Julee (Bob) Lenderman, Quincy, Janice (Bob) Lynch, Clackamas, OR, Jeffrey "Jeff" (Christie) Ruff, Leavenworth; sisters Louree McIntyre, Olympia, WA, Joyce (Richard) Sparks, Bellevue; ten grandchildren; Joel Duncan, Wenatchee, Titus (Stephanie) Duncan, Wenatchee, Peter

(Cynthia) Duncan, Battle Ground, WA, Drew (Danielle Fiones) Duncan, Wenatchee, Phillip (Teena Anderson) Jacks, Portland, OR, Patrick (Rebekah) Jacks, Yorktown, IN, Amanda (Peter) Griffith, Oregon City, OR, Rachelle Ruff, Peshastin, WA, Nicholas (Natasha Johnson) Ruff, Bellingham, WA, Vanessa Ruff, Leavenworth; eight great grandchildren, Lucas "Luke" Duncan, Lana Duncan, Landon Duncan, of Wenatchee, Kassidy Jacks, Devin Jacks and Teeaunna Anderson of Portland, OR, Destiny Griffith and Azaiah Griffith of Oregon City, OR. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 2:00pm at the Eastmont Community Church in East Wenatchee, with Pastor Bob Lenderman officiating. Family and friends are invited to view her tribute online at: www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

PD

“ *Pat was a ray of sunshine. Her bright smile and warm heart always made us feel we were loved. We are sorry for your loss. We are thankful for Pat's impact in our lives. It is easy to see her love in your lives. We were all blessed to call her friend.*

Paul and Lois Davies - August 23, 2013 at 10:49 AM

DJ

“ *Family of Pat: I was out of town for a wedding and just saw the post. I'm so sorry for your loss. Pat was such an integral part of her family. When we lived in Wenatchee, she and I saw each other often, and always had such great conversations. Her smile, voice, and laugh were always so engaging. I pray for comfort and peace at this time. Love and hugs, Diane.*

Diane Joslin - August 12, 2013 at 11:13 PM

KD

“ I was told this morning at church that your family wanted the recipe for the cookies I brought. It was a beautiful celebration of Pat's life. Here is the recipe.

NO BAKE CLUB CRACKER BARS

Put one layer of whole (do not crush) club crackers on bottom of 9x13 pan. I line the pan with foil so they are easy to get out for cutting.

Mix below ingredients together & bring to boil. Cook 8-10 minutes over low heat , stirring as it tends to stick to bottom of the pan. Should be fairly thick.

½ cup butter (1 stick)

2 cups crushed graham crackers

1 cup brown sugar

1/2 - 3/4 cup milk

1 ½ cup coconut

1 cup nuts (optional) kind of nut changes the flavor

Spread mix over crackers. Top with another layer of whole crackers. Refrigerate at least an hour before cutting into small bars. They are extra rich.

Taste best when cold. Gets soggy if left out. Can frost if desired but is good without frosting

Kathy Dorsett - August 11, 2013 at 03:46 PM

SB

“ I knew Pat when I was a young man and a young Christian. She always was very friendly and welcoming to me and the rest of us that hung around their house. I have very fond memories of her. She set a marvelous example for me of a Godly woman.

Steve Burke - August 08, 2013 at 11:32 PM

DR

“ I know that Pat was a beloved wife and mother. She was also a dear aunt of mine who I did not get to spend nearly enough time with in this life. She always had a smile on her face. Always! She is now with her Lord and I look forward to seeing her again one day when we spend eternity together!

Debbie Richard - August 08, 2013 at 09:40 PM

RS

“ Pete and family, my heart goes out to you in the loss of your wife and mother. May God hold you close and comfort you. Reba

Reba Sipe - August 08, 2013 at 01:01 PM

DG

“ Julee, I was so sorry for you to lose your mom but so happy that she is now 'home with her Lord'. I will always remember your mother during our growing up years together. What a beautiful and sweet lady she was! Please know my thoughts are with you during this sad time for you, your brother and sister and for your dad. Love to you Julee.

Debbie Gallaher - August 08, 2013 at 11:22 AM

LH

“ The word I would use to describe this amazing woman is "Grace". She simply moved with grace. She lived her life in Grace. She treated others with Grace. I never knew her to be judgmental, legalistic or uncaring. I could always count on that wonderful and comforting smile. The best hug and a feeling of acceptance. She leaves a legacy of Grace for all of us to follow. It is evident in her children. The celebration in Heaven is ongoing with her arrival. My life was blessed just to know her. Love you all!! Linda

Linda (Rose) Haglund - August 08, 2013 at 10:33 AM

DP

“ I'll never forget the blessing of Pat and Pete Ruff during the Bethesda Singers' mission trip to Germany and Israel in 1976. They were a source of loving stability especially to us 'singles'. A parent figure, yet also friends. It was always evident to me how much in love they were with each other. Pat, your sweet, gentle and kind spirit will always stay in my heart.

Dorthea (Hougham) Paulson - August 08, 2013 at 08:52 AM

MI

“ Pat and Pete's home (specifically their kitchen table!) was literally a haven of peace and comfort to me, a lonely, angst ridden adolescent far from home. Patty loved me, cared for me, and listened to my fears and worries. Patty was a beautiful woman, inside and out and an incredible representation of Jesus' love. Thank you to all of the Ruff family for sharing her with me and so many others.

Mike - August 08, 2013 at 08:51 AM

ED

“ Julee and Bob,

My heart feels your bittersweet emotions in losing a lovely mom, but being in celebration that she has been ushered into the presence of her Lord and Savior. I will keep you all in my prayers in the upcoming time of service, documents, formalities. God is good, and may he heap blessings on your family.

*Sincerely,
Elaine Dannen*

Elaine Dannen - August 08, 2013 at 01:49 AM

ED

“ *Pete,*

I was honored to meet you at the Edward Jones office of Troy Pugh when he had his office on Eastmont. Pat was never well enough to be with you, even when you moved to Quincy. I can tell through her story that I am the one that missed out on meeting the wonderful love of your life. I will continue to keep you in my prayers as life adjusts. God bless you and keep you.

Elaine Dannen - August 08, 2013 at 01:44 AM