



## Patricia L. Smith

July 4, 1947 - August 12, 2025

Patricia L. Smith, 78, of Lakeland, went home to the Lord on August 12, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Oneonta, NY on July 4, 1947, to James and Dorothy Smith. She came early and unexpectedly! The doctor told her father that there was 50% chance for the mother, and 0% chance for the baby....but they both beat the odds and survived. She grew up in Westvale and graduated from Westhill H.S. in 1965, in their 2nd graduating class. She went to SUNY Oswego and graduated in 1969; continued her education and got her Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She taught 2nd grade for 35 years at McNamara School in Baldwinsville, retiring in 2004.

Pat had a life-long love of reading (which she passed on to her students) and loved to share her extensive book collection with children and adults. She enjoyed keeping in touch with family and friends via e-mail, loved playing games on her iPad, and loved to "shop on Amazon"!!

Pat loved the Lord, and she was a long-time member of Amboy Belle Isle United Church, serving as the Financial Secretary for many years as well as the Treasurer of the Women's Group. She enjoyed traveling to Chautauqua, Lancaster, PA and Disney World with her best friend, Sue Milliman, with whom she shared a home for 45 years. She loved music and enjoyed concerts that Sue sang in with The Master's Touch Chorale (she was a devoted "groupie") and with Berkshire Choral (attending concerts throughout the East Coast).

She was predeceased by her parents; her cousin, Cheryl Pula; and her Aunt Bea and Uncle Don Beekman.

She is survived by a sister, Sue Harmon; nephew, Scott (Laura) Harmon; great-nieces, Sarah and Sophie Harmon; as well as several cousins, including Wendy (Larry) Woodhouse, Judy Franz and Jon (Joy) Beekman. Also, many treasured friends (Talia Harmon), her church family and teaching colleagues; as well as her best friend and caregiver, Sue Milliman.

A calling hour will be held on Saturday, 8/16, from 11 am to Noon at Amboy Belle Isle United Church, 6190-92 Airport Road, Syracuse, NY 13209 followed by a memorial service at Noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Amboy Belle Isle United Church or to Hospice of CNY, 990 Seventh North Street, Liverpool, NY 13088 or online at <http://www.hospicecny.org/donate>

Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee Street, Camillus, NY 13031.

Please sign her guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Amboy Belle Isle United Church  
6192 Airport Rd.  
Syracuse, NY 13209  
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## Service

AUG **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LZ

“ I do not know even where to begin. I used to call her Aunt Pat. She was very close to my Aunt Darlene and I was close to Pat for many years. We reconnected 8 years ago online. I so dearly wanted to see her to hear her laugh and get one of her loving hugs. Sadly it never happened. I remember how her mother, Dorothy wanted all the peanuts in the shell when there were 3 nuts in it when we went to Ground Round.

*Pat was an angel on earth, a rare gem so precious. My heart aches just to know she is no longer here. I cannot even imagine how hard it must be for Sue.*

*I pray there is a Heaven and Pat is with her parents, family,, and friends*

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**Linda Zuti** - September 17, 2025 at 05:10 AM

SF

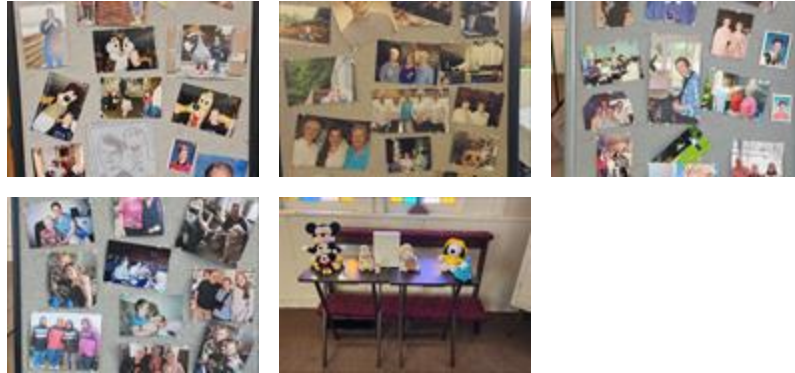
“ Pat or aunt Pat as us kids called her when she shared a home with our aunt Darlene R. Halladay, will be greatly missed. Growing up, I knew her as my aunt's best friend and roommate and we shared many years together like family. She was my mother advisor in the Order of Rainbow for Girls and we were very close until sometime after my aunt passed from lung cancer in 1980. Pat's Mom, Dorothy was also close to our family. As family and friends often do, we lost touch as the years went by. Remembering the earlier days very fondly and pray they are at peace.

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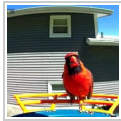
**Sally Fleck** - August 21, 2025 at 03:51 PM



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**B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments** - August 16, 2025 at 01:20 PM



*Pat will be missed. Have missed having her in my life since my aunt died in 1980. She was like family. Was my mother advisor when I was in the Rainbow for Girls. Dorothy, Pat's mom was a sweet lady and Pat was too.*

**Sally Fleck** - August 21, 2025 at 04:16 PM

PA

“ *Sue, we are so very sorry for your loss. We have only known Pat for about 15 years and she was one of the first to welcome us to Amboy Belle Isle Church and give us a Big Hug. We looked forward to that Hug every Sunday She or we were there. We will miss You and those Hugs so Very Much.  
Patricia and Art*

**Patricia & Art** - August 15, 2025 at 10:12 PM

NH

“ Sue,  
*Pat's smile lit up the room, and I can hear her laugh like she is sitting right here with me. Heaven certainly gained one very special angel. Hugs to you my friend and to her family who I know she loved so very much.*  
Nadine Hawver



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**Nadine Hawver** - August 15, 2025 at 06:15 PM



SK

“ *I'll always remember the family get togethers especially at my grandparents house which was Pats Aunt and Uncles. We had some great times together and always enjoyed having her at our son's birthday parties. We still talk about the gifts she gave our boys and how they were their favorite ride ons for years!! You will be greatly missed! Love you always ❤️❤️*  
Shannon and Family

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**Shannon Koscinski** - August 15, 2025 at 11:01 AM

MD

“ Pat was the best person/teacher! We met in 1993 when, as a new Teaching Assistant, Pat was the first to invite me into her classroom. We so enjoyed teaching Math to her students using games, chants and laughter. We shared quite a few laughs attending Weight Watcher meetings! Once she retired, we met 1-2 times a year at the B'ville Dinner catching up on our latest adventures. I was fortunate enough to have an email conversation with her just before Hospice. We will be in each other's  and memories forever. Although I'm unable to attend her services in person, she'll know I'll be there in spirit. So blessed to have shared a 30+ year friendship with this wonderful, loving, caring, sweet lady.  Always, MaryAnn

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**MaryAnn Deming** - August 15, 2025 at 08:02 AM

TF

“ Sue - very, very sorry for your loss. I only met Pat a few times at the old CGH, and she was such a friendly, happy person. Warm hugs to you and your families. Stay strong.  
Tracy & Jay Fenner

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**Tracy L Fenner** - August 14, 2025 at 10:08 PM

GM

“ It's sad to hear of the loss of a former classmate. I remember your smiling face and send my thoughts for everlasting peace. Ginny Cannon McCarthy '65

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**Ginny McCarthy** - August 14, 2025 at 07:53 PM

JF

“ Pat was a beautiful person inside and out! She was a sweet, and caring cousin.  
I have many wonderful memories growing up. We always enjoyed the great times with my Uncle Jim, Aunt Dot, and cousins.  
The family get togethers were amazing with delicious food, games, laughing, and just having a fun time!  
Pat was in my wedding in 1974, which I was proud to have her as one of my bridesmaids.  
We had many memorable gatherings in Oswego, NY, where Pat and family lived yrs. ago.  
Pat touched so many lives with kindness and warmth, and her memory will always be a source of comfort. You will be missed❤️  
Love you Pat, RIP 💜 Judy

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**Judy Franz** - August 14, 2025 at 11:34 AM

RB

“ As pastor of Amboy Belle Isle United Church, my family's condolences go out to Sue and your congregation family. We will miss you, and we love you. Rev. Roosevelt Baums and family! RIP.

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**Rev. Roosevelt Baums** - August 14, 2025 at 07:46 AM

WE

“ There are too many fond memories to write ,but will never forget all the wonderful fun times when our families all got together while growing up! Many years we would meet at our grandparents home and played 'board' games, dancing the 'stomp', and acting silly! Pat always 'lit' up the room with her beautiful smile and personality. We continued to have many memorable get togethers as we became older. Pat will always be a very special cousin who we loved so much. Your life Pat was a blessing, your memory a treasure. Love you forever. RIP. Wendy

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**Wendy** - August 13, 2025 at 10:28 PM

JB

“ *Patty & I grew up together, sharing many fun adventures. Uncle Jim & Aunt Dot were so very kind and loving, I think I was their "proxy" son! One time Patty & I rode from Utica to Syracuse, where they had picked me up to go to the State Fair. We were probably 7-8 yrs. old. We rode the whole time with our feet out the back windows! Patty was so sick the next day, she couldn't go. Uncle Jim took me but it just wasn't the same without my Buddy! Love you kiddo, rest in peace. Jon*

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**Jon Beekman** - August 13, 2025 at 01:53 PM

RH

“ *Dearest Sue, our hearts are broken. You and Pat have been special friends for a long time. Pat had a heart full of love and faith. Her pain is over and she's wrapped in God's arms. Much love, Ron & Barb*

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**Ron & Barb Hauptli** - August 13, 2025 at 01:31 PM