



Patricia (Claus) Bourke

December 8, 1932 - August 16, 2020

Sutton, NE resident Patricia Ann (Reinsch) (Claus) Bourke, 87, passed away Sunday, August 16, 2020, at her beloved farm home in Sutton, NE with her family surrounding her.

A Rosary will be prayed at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 20, 2020, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sutton, NE. Mass of Christian burial will be conducted at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 21, 2020, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sutton, NE with Father Michael Zimmer officiating. Services will be live-streamed from stmaryssutton.org. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Sutton, NE. Visitation will be prior to the Rosary and Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sutton, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the St. Mary's Altar Society or the Bread Box Food Pantry in Sutton, NE.

The use of protective face coverings will be optional for those in attendance.

Patricia was born December 8, 1932, to William and Margaret (Erthum) Reinsch on the family homestead near Shickley, Fillmore County, NE. She was the eleventh of thirteen children. After Pat graduated from Geneva High School in 1949, she married Clayton Claus of Sutton. In 1973, Pat was united in marriage to Patrick Bourke of Lushton, NE (PAT and PAT).

Pat worked for the Sutton Public Schools for 41 years as a para-educator and the high school secretary. She loved getting to know all of the kids and building relationships with the faculty. She worked many hours at the Sutton American Legion Club and Tony's Steak House in Grafton. Pat's passion for reading and history led her to spend several years working for the Sutton Public Library. She also enjoyed clerking at the horse sales at the Sutton Sale Barn and registering entries for the Clay County Fair each summer.

When Pat wasn't working, she volunteered as an Emergency Medical Technician, was an active member of St. Mary's Altar Society and the Hastings Deanery, she served as President of the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and was a coordinator of the NOW Backpack Food Program for Sutton's youth. Pat was a Red Cross blood donor and achieved the 10 gallon Super Power level.

Pat treasured her memories growing up on the family farm and spending time with her brothers and sisters throughout the years, including all her cousins, nieces, and nephews, as she was always known to them as "Aunt Patty". She enjoyed attending and volunteering for her children's many school activities, especially sports, music, theatre and marching band. She was a Band Mother for 28 years! Pat spent many summer weekends taking her daughters to horse shows while being a member of the Tri-County Rounders Saddle Club. She was especially fond of country music, music concerts, and traveling across the United States with her family and friends. Attending numerous musicals and plays were also a highlight in her life, along with polka dancing and two-stepping. Husker Nation was a huge part of Pat's world. She attended most Big Red home games for the past 45 years, along with bowl games including a trip to Hawaii. Pat loved sewing and crocheting beautiful clothes for her children, working on her acreage, remodeling her home, raising cattle, horses, and growing crops. She was a born farmer and proud to raise her

children south of Sutton on the family farm.

Pat's strong Catholic faith gave her the will to overcome many challenges in life. She always had a smile on her face and always told her children to "just be nice". Pat had numerous friends that she adored and spent time with.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, four sisters, two husbands, and her children Jeffrey, infants Timothy, and Ann Claus, and granddaughter, Jennifer Claus.

Pat is survived by her children and spouses, Charles and Carol Claus of Lincoln; David and Laura Claus of Lincoln; Don and Dawn Claus of Sutton; Laura and Larry Zabloudil of Hastings, Lynda and Donn Henke of Columbus and Joanie and Don Scarborough of Glenwood, IA. Grandchildren, Angela Curran, Kris Gandara, Mandi Claus, Jared Henke, Derek Dillon, Alexis Watson, AJ Scarborough, Melody Larsen, Gabe Scarborough, Olivia McCarthy, Elle Scarborough, and Claydon Claus. Seven great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, sister, Jeannette Schommer; Brother, Merle Reinsch, and many nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall

PK

“ Aunt Patty was one of the kindest, most positive people I've ever known. I will definitely miss her at the Reinsch reunions! I'm so happy the Church was able to live-stream the funeral so that I could attend virtually. My condolences to her family. I'll give you all big hugs next time I see you.

Love,
Pam

Pam Knutson - August 21, 2020 at 04:46 PM

JR

“ I'm so sorry to see the death of Patty. She was such a wonderful friend. We had so much fun together. At Alumni Banquet last year, she was the same old Patty. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. We will always hold her in our hearts.

Jeri Rippe - August 20, 2020 at 09:28 AM

BH

“ Dave,
Our sympathy and prayers are with you and your family. May you find peace in loving memories of your mom.

Deb & Buffy

Buffy Cornish & Deb Hammond - August 20, 2020 at 07:43 AM

TD

“ You will be missed

Tiffanni Delarm - August 19, 2020 at 09:06 PM

JM

“ Dear Claus family I am so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. She was so nice at school and some one you could go to for comfort. She will be missed very much. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Janet Reutzel McLean - August 19, 2020 at 08:27 PM

PH

“ I am so sorry I can be with you today. Pat was a gracious and considerate lady who had been a good friend to our family for many years. She is loved by so many and will be missed. May she Rest In Peace.

Patti Husy - August 19, 2020 at 09:59 AM

JE

“ i remember visiting my Aunt Pat and Uncle Clayton way back when at their earliest farm in Sutton. Although I was quite young, I remember the kindness she bestowed upon her nephews and nieces. After too many years, my recent visit found her to be the same kind and cheery Aunt Pat. She touched many friends and neighbors over her full and long life with whom she offered that same kindness and encouragement. Our deepest condolences to her family (my cousins) and friends.
Love to all.....John and Nancy, Montrose, CO

John and Nancy Eloie - August 19, 2020 at 09:44 AM

PR

“ My prayers to the family. Pat was a great lady and I enjoyed working with her at my dad's place. She was always happy and we always had a good time. She was also very nice as the school secretary and was a friendly face when ever I needed something. Pat will be missed by many.

Paige Bruner Reichert - August 19, 2020 at 07:30 AM

JM

“ my heart goes out to Miss Bourke's family for their loss of such an amazing sweet lady. She always greets the students with a smile on her face and a warm kind words of encouragement when they were having a bad day.

Rest in Peace Miss Bourke. Heaven has gained another Angel.

Joyce Baldwin Montgomery - August 19, 2020 at 05:00 AM

DM

“ Pat had a contagious smile. She was a hard worker & great church volunteer. We lived a mile apart as we grew up. We traveled to lots of Catholic Church meetings & had lots of good visits. I will miss her a lot. May she be at peace! Prayers for the family.

Dorothy Moravec - August 18, 2020 at 09:22 PM

RD

“ Blessings to you all for the wonderful and active life of whom I first knew as Pat Claus, then Pat Bourke. I was one of Jeff's best friends, fraternity brother, and roommate at NWU. I loved my visits to Sutton - the Velvet Hammers at the VFW, the cheese spread at Fueher's Market, and the Claus Kueken custards. I still grieve the loss of Jeff, but have faith he, Pat, and the others are having a great time in heaven.

Randall E Dinsdale - August 18, 2020 at 05:19 PM

CK

“ May pat rest in peace she was a great lady and will be greatly missed. Sending prayers and hugs.

Carol krause - August 18, 2020 at 04:41 PM

BB

“ *RIP Pat!! Fantastic lady. She gave so much. I will miss her visits. Always a joy and I hope her kindness rubs off on all of us who were fortunate enough to have her as a friend. Nice, nice LADY!!*

Bill Bottorf - August 18, 2020 at 07:20 AM

MR

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the family. Patty was a great woman who also made us feel like part of the family. She was always happy and had a smile on her face. She sure did not look or act her age. We will truly miss her.*

Mark Sarah Reinsch - August 18, 2020 at 06:56 AM

MC

“ *My heart breaks for the family. By knowing Pat, she did it her way. Rest in peace and in the Lord's arms.*

Marilyn Campbell - August 18, 2020 at 03:59 AM

DE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Pat always made a point to speak to me. She always had a smile on her face which in turn always made me smile. She will be missed.*

Donna Erb - August 17, 2020 at 10:10 PM

BB

“ *To the family of Pat, so sorry for your loss. Loved working with Pat at school. She will be missed by many.*

Bobbie Bock-Itzen - August 17, 2020 at 08:13 PM

MS

“ We extend our condolences to all the Claus children. I believe I taught most of you. Pat was always a great help to all the teachers and always had time to print things off and would do anything to help the cause. I worked with Pat at the food pantry and losing Pat is a great loss to friends, family, and the community of Sutton. She was a good friend. Sincere sympathy from Mick and Linda

Mick and Linda Stoehr - August 17, 2020 at 07:41 PM

MM

“ The sun won't shine as bright tomorrow. My heart hurts.

Mike Moody - August 17, 2020 at 06:22 PM

JB

“ I'm very sorry for your loss.. Julie

Julianne Brauning - August 17, 2020 at 04:44 PM

GA

“ Laura,
I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love you,
Gina

Gina Andersen - August 17, 2020 at 04:08 PM