



Patricia "Patti" Dennis

May 16, 1939 - April 1, 2014

Patricia "Patti" Dennis, 74, of Kingsford, appreciated the joy of seeing the morning sunrise and evening setting, and so was her wish to do the same when the time arrived. She had her final sunset on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at Hyland Nursing Home in Iron Mountain. Pat was born on May 16, 1939 in Vulcan, MI, daughter of the late Henry and Alice (Tomasoski) Mroz. She graduated from Vulcan High School in 1957 and St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Hancock in 1960. Pat married her best friend and soul mate, Lowell "Skip" Dennis, on September 24, 1960 at St. Barbara Catholic Church in Vulcan. He preceded her in death on March 6, 2011. Pat began her career at St. Joseph's Hospital, eventually moving to Kingsford and taking a position at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital where she remained employed for 38 years. Although she held many positions at the hospital, she was primarily stationed in the Emergency Department, which gave her the opportunity to meet most of the area's population. As demanding as her job was, she loved the challenges and people she met more. Pat was very active in nursing and labor issues. She was involved with the R.N.'s first contract, became president of the staff council for 8 years, negotiated every contract from 1966 to 1995 and was employee of the month twice. An avid hunter, Pat has several trophies for the "Biggest Buck" and enjoyed hunting in Montana & Wyoming, as well as fishing. If she couldn't be found, she was at her favorite retreat, their log cabin, enjoying all the camp buddies and rival football games. Pat was a member of American Martyrs Church, the DCMH Staff Council,

Michigan Nurses Assoc., American Nurses Assoc. and District, and the North American Hunting Club. She was a faithful Detroit Lions fan and enjoyed time spent with family and friends.

Those left to enjoy more sunrises and sunsets are her daughters, Kim Dennis (Dave Stevenson) of Saline, MI, Kay (Dan) Campbell of Florence and Debbie (Erik) Beskow of Hales Corners, WI; and the blessings and joys of her life, her grandchildren, Garrett and Acie Ambuehl of Minnesota, Kaden and Kolton Campbell of Florence, Alex Farmer of Saline and Sara Beskow of Hales Corners. Pat is also survived by two brothers, Tom (Joy) Mroz of Masontown, WV and Don (Lori) Mroz of Bat Lake, MI; special mother-in-law, Julia Dennis of Hancock; an aunt, Anna (Jim) Turini of Vulcan; three enjoyable nephews, Andy, Tony and D.J. and a niece, Janel.

In addition to her parents and husband, Pat was also preceded in death by numerous aunts and uncles who had such a positive focus in her life and two close cousins, Jim Twardzik and Butch Tomaszoski who she deeply missed.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, from 2:00 until 4:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Memorial services will follow at 4:00 pm at the funeral home. Rev. Doug Johnson will officiate.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Patricia "Patti" Dennis online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
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Memorial Service

APR 5. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ Kim, Kay, & Debbie,
My prayers are with you! Your Mom was a sweetie, such a very kind
and caring person. And a great nurse for all our trips to the ER as
kids!

Stephanie (Liscomb) West

Stephanie West - April 06, 2014 at 09:39 PM

MA

“ We were so saddened to hear of Pat's passing. My brother, Michael,
and I have wonderful childhood memories of "Patsy" when she
stayed with our family for a while when attending nursing school.
We were such pests and she was so funny and patient with us!
Times with our Mroz cousins were some of the best times ever. God
bless you all and give you comfort.

Mimi (Haywood) and Wes Ambrose

Mimi Ambrose - April 06, 2014 at 09:57 AM

JM

“ We are so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. She would be the 1st
cousin lost on the Mroz side. We really enjoyed catching up with her
and Skip whenever we met. Our prayers with you.

Mary and Jim Mroz

Jim Mroz - April 05, 2014 at 03:26 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother! My thoughts and prayers are with you Kim, Kay and Debbie.
Dawn Ann Helt (Paquin)

Dawn Helt - April 05, 2014 at 02:37 PM

FP

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Pat, she will be missed and has touched the lives of many people. We had many good times with lots of laughs with her and Skip. You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.
Dave & Faith Peterson

Faith Peterson - April 05, 2014 at 01:31 PM

CH

“ Pat, Kosha and I were best friends and roommates at St. Josephs Nursing School. We had a lot of fun together. Pat was my maid of honor at my wedding and also was my eldest sons godmother. Pat was one of the most upbeat people I ever knew, and I loved her very much. I am so sorry for your loss and consider it my loss also. I have many wonderful memories of Pat. Also went to high school with Skip. Will pray for her and all of you, her daughters.

Carol (Herman) Hegyi - April 04, 2014 at 05:12 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia "Patti" Dennis.



April 04, 2014 at 12:38 PM



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April 04, 2014 at 07:54 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the family of Pat Dennis. I started at DCHS as a very young, green ER nurse in 1990. Pat was the epitomie of an amazing ER nurse...all that I aspired to be and more. She took me under her wing and showed me the "ropes" with much class and appreciation for the nursing role. I am still working in the ER today but went on to be a NP; Pat, among others, was an inspiration for me and my passion for emergency nursing. She was always a lot of fun to work with and made the best of a busy shift by making everyone smile! She has been sorely missed in the ER since her retirement...may she rest in peace!*

Karen Steber, FNP - April 03, 2014 at 08:34 PM

TG

“ Dear Family of Pat Dennis -

I am so sorry for your loss. Remember the good times and God will help you heal.

I've known Pat all my life. We grew up in Vulcan, started school together and graduated together in 1957. I have fond memories of Pat; her smile, her love of life, school dances and activities, walking to Norway after basketball games to enjoy a snack at the Bowling Alley soda fountain and sleep-overs at her house.

Know that Pat is now living in God's house with Skip, and they are hunting, fishing and camping in God's wilderness.

My prayers and thoughts are with all who knew and loved Pat.

Toni Dinsmore (Lois Girardi)

Toni Dinsmore (Lois Girardi) - April 03, 2014 at 06:46 PM

NC

“ To the family of Pat Dennis. I graduated from high school with Pat and I just remember that she was an absolute delight way back then ! I've only seen her a couple of times over the years - - she always had a smile on her face and I am so sad for your loss !

Nancy Nelezen Recla Clay

Nancy Nelezen Recla Clay - April 03, 2014 at 04:25 PM

DM

“ Dear Kim, Kay & Debbie - extending to you our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your Mom. May the wonderful memories made always warm your hearts & make you smile.

We are sorry for your loss.

Prayers & Blessing to you and your families.

Lloyd & Donna Mannigel

Donna Mannigel - April 03, 2014 at 01:45 PM

LS

Dear Debbie, Kim and Kay

My deepest sympathies to you and your families. I have special memories of your mom caring for us in time of need at the hospital, especially when our boys were little. She holds a special place in my heart. Keep the memories always fresh in your hearts--she will always be with you. God bless all of you.

Linda Swanson

Linda Swanson - April 03, 2014 at 02:39 PM