



Carol "Zig" Patten

December 15, 1939 - May 27, 2026

Carol "Zig" Patten, 86, of Cedar Falls, died on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at La Porte City Specialty Care.

Zig was born on December 15, 1939, in Oelwein, Iowa, the daughter of David and Eunice (Ladwig) Ziegler. She grew up there, riding her horse, Trigger. She loved music and had her own radio show in high school. She graduated from Oelwein High in 1958 and attended the State College of Iowa for two years before moving to Denver, Colorado where she worked for the Mountain States Telephone Company.

Following her June 12, 1966, marriage to Charles Patten she returned to Cedar Falls, working part-time at Orchard Hills School prior to their divorce. She later worked with medical insurance billing at Sartori Hospital and Professional Management, Inc. before retiring. She enjoyed outdoor activities with her friend Dave Brooks, liked reading and book club, crafting with friends, movies and TV game shows and spending time with her dogs.

Zig is survived by her daughters, Jamie White and Cyndi Wetlaufer, and grandchildren Charles Reeks and Chase Reeks, all of Washington state. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brothers, Chuck and Jay.

A private celebration of life will be held by the family at a later date.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ I met Zig while working at Covenant medical center. She quickly became family and we looked forward to seeing her daily as she picked up billing info for the company she worked for. She made a lasting impression on me with her friendliness and positive attitude. One Christmas she gifted me a snowman ornament. Each year as I hang it on my tree I think of her. Hugs to you all. She was a special lady.

Patti Blockhus - June 04 at 06:29 PM

JW

Thank you for sharing this Patti! Hugs to you as well.

Jamie White - June 05 at 07:01 PM

CW

Thank you!

cyndi wetlaufer - Yesterday at 04:07 PM

DT

“ Cyndi and Jamie,

Sorry to hear of your loss remember your mom very well when you guys lived on Seerly Blvd. She was a great lady !

Darrin Thran - June 01 at 07:01 PM

JW

Thank you Darrin!

Jamie White - June 05 at 07:02 PM

CW

thank you Darrin

cyndi wetlaufer - Yesterday at 04:06 PM

BS

“*Jamie, Cindy and Family,
Zig and I go back more than 40 years. She was so much a part of my life. We had some hilarious moments, some precious moments, some weather the storm moments. She was generous, fun loving, and loyal. My daughter will miss her joy, and I will miss that and the adventures we had along the way. She truly was one of a kind. Fly high dear one. Bobbi Jo Smith*

Bobbi Jo Smith - May 29 at 03:27 PM

JW

Thank you for sharing your memories, Bobbi! Mom always thought of you as a great friend.

Jamie White - May 31 at 01:12 PM

CW

Appreciate your kind words, Thank you.

cyndi wetlaufer - Yesterday at 04:08 PM

DL

“*Jamie and Cindy! So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Like Donna said, the Seerley Blvd neighborhood was so nice. We had such fun! Was nice to have you as our next door neighbors for over 30 years!! My sincere sympathy to you both! Hugs to you both!
Doris Lang*

Doris Lang - May 29 at 03:00 PM

JW

Thank you, Doris! Seerley was a wonderful place to grow up, with so many amazing neighbors and memories.

Jamie White - May 31 at 01:11 PM

KH

Jamie and Cindy:

I am so sorry to learn of your Mom's passing. She was one of my best friends and we spent a lot of time together thru the years! It is so hard to lose a friend, but know she loved you girls and loved her dog! She definitely had a mind of her own and express it! I am just sorry I didn't get to spend more time with her after she moved to LaPorte. She's gone, but never will be forgotten!

Karen Henry - June 10 at 06:44 PM

CW

Thanks Karen

cyndi wetlaufer - Yesterday at 04:09 PM

CW

Thank you Doris.

cyndi wetlaufer - Yesterday at 04:11 PM

JE

“ *I've known Zig for probably around 40+ years. We played tennis and bridge together, and were in book club together. I introduced her to Dave Brooks. They did have a lot of fun together, and sometimes I went with them. I lost a good friend who will be truly missed. Judy Estabrook*

Judy Estabrook - May 28 at 07:10 PM

CW

Thank you Judy.

Cynthia wetlaufer - May 29 at 12:54 AM

DK

“ *Cyndi and Jamie*

I'm one of the old "Seerley Blvd" gang from 1975-1994. We Moms met monthly for coffee, games, and good conversation. It was a great street to live on....many of the kids were all about the same age. Cyndi, I think you and Scott were in the same grade. I'm sorry to hear of Zig's death and my sympathy to you both.

*Donna Kirschenmann
dkmann39@yahoo.com*

Donna Kirschenmann - May 28 at 10:35 AM

CW

Thank you Donna. Great place to grow up. Scott and I are the same age. He lives near my friend Michelle. Please tell him hi.

Cynthia wetlaufer - May 28 at 04:21 PM

LH

Cyndi & Jamie, so many laughs and fun with your mom over the years. She and my mom were such great friends. Loved her dearly! Sorry to hear of her passing, I'm certain she's in a better place! Hope you girls are doing well!!

Lori Henry - May 29 at 10:16 PM

JW

Thank you Lori! We have many great memories of you, Lisa, Lance, your wonderful mother and getting to spend time with you all at your pool. We'll cherish those forever. Hugs to you ~

Jamie White - May 31 at 01:13 PM

CW

Thank you Lori, I loved swimming with you guys, some of my fondest memories are your dad teaching me to sing Margarittaville while he strummed the guitar.

cyndi wetlaufer - Yesterday at 04:11 PM