



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.