



Patricia Shields

May 4, 1935 - August 19, 2009

Patricia Ann Shields (1935-2009)

CEDAR FALLS- Patricia Ann Shields, 74, of Cedar Falls, died Wednesday, August 19 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home.

She was born May 4, 1935 in Cedar Falls, the daughter of Lester and Harriet (Miner) Troy. She married Patrick O'Connor Shields on April 12, 1958 in Cedar Falls. He died April 10, 2009.

She graduated from Teachers College High School and earned her Registered Nursing degree from St. Luke's School of Nursing.

She is survived by three daughters, Teresa L. (Joel) Gersema of Oran, IA, Leah E. (Steve) Madsen of Marshalltown, IA, and Sara E. (Phillip) Ruhlmann of Cedar Rapids, IA; one son, Patrick J. (Lisa) Shields of Cedar Falls; seven grandchildren, Troy Gersema, Beth Gersema, Jacob Madsen, Benjamin Madsen, Luke Madsen, Madison Ruhlmann, and Ella Shields; and a brother, Robert (Bonnie) Troy of Plant City, FL.

Preceded in death by a sister, Betty Kuehn.

Mass of Christian burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick

Catholic Church, with burial in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens, both in Cedar Falls. Friends may call from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday at Richardson Funeral Home, where there will be a 4 p.m. rosary and 7 p.m. vigil service.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice or the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *To the Sheilds Family,*

I don't know if any of you will remember me but I have been a friend of Pat and Patty since the mid 1950's. They were both super people and great friends.

I didn't know that Pat had died and Patty was in Hospice care until reading Patty's obituary online.

We live in Arizona and my sister in law saw the obituary in the paper and sent us the notice online.

My wife and I both extend our sympathy to all of the family.

God Bless all of you.

Jerry and Mary Moon

Yuma, AZ

March 29, 2013 at 02:51 PM



“ *Dear Teresa, Leah, Sara and Patrick,*

Our deepest sympathy is with all of you and your families now. Your Mom and Dad have given us all some very special gifts and those will be treasured always. Please hold the memories and each other close because that's what you have today. Your Mom was a very special lady...but, you already know that. She's going to be missed, and you know that too. Please call if you ever just want to share a few minutes, tears, memories or whatever else.

Thank you for being so understanding when I told you we would be away over the weekend.

Our thoughts, prayers and love is with all of you. God bless you~

August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you at this most difficult time.*

August 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Teresa, Leah, Sara and Patrick,
Words cannot express how deeply saddened I am to hear of your mother's death. I loved both of your parents very much and greatly appreciated all that your mother did for the University of Iowa Cochlear Implant Project. They were both way too young to go through what they did with regard to their health. Please know that I wish all of you peace during this difficult time.*

August 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Was saddened to hear about the death of your mother. I had heard she was at Bickford Cottage and seemed happy there. I remember our scouting endeavors well and the good times we had. My prayers are with you at this time.*

August 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Teresa,
I was so sad to hear of your mother's death. Please know that you are in my prayers along with the rest of your family. I remember what a breath of fresh air she was when she came to visit at the clinic. She was a special lady. May God hold you close and give you strength as you grieve for your mom.
Blessings always.*

August 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Teresa, Joel, Troy & Beth, and all the Shields Family: We are so very sorry to hear about your Mom. I still remember both your parents when we were at their house playing UNO (Jeff was cheating of course) one night years ago - what fun parents they were! I know that Pat must be happy to be free of pain and to see her long-time partner again. Keep that thought in your hearts. Our prayers are with you. All our love.

August 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Shields family, My heart had an ache when I recieved the message of your mom's passing. I was disappointed that I could'nt have been there for her and for your family. I'm so honored that I had the privilege of taking care of both of your parents. Most importantly what a gift Patty was to me,the great laughs the wonderful smiles and of course her favorite saying "WHATEVER". It was great learning the history that she had put into being a volunteer at Cedar Valley Hospice and the dedication she had for her patients. I'm glad to have shared a part of your mom's life it is truely a treasure to me, she will be truely missed. I imagine that your parents are at peace being together again and pain free. God Bless all of you and again thank you for allowing us to take care of your family.

Melissa Moran Cedar Valley Hospice

"Working Together with Open Minds, Open Hearts, and Open Hands"

August 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM