



Patricia Joan Taylor

April 24, 1931 - December 11, 2025

CEDAR FALLS — Patricia J. “Pat” Taylor, 94, died Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Western Home Communities – Thuesen Cottage.

Pat was born on April 24, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of William P. and Iva V. (Clear) O’Brien. She married Charles “Chuck” Taylor on December 29, 1960, in Ottumwa, Iowa. He preceded her in death on November 19, 1998.

Pat was deeply committed to education and lifelong learning. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Drake University and her Master of Arts degree in Special Education from the University of Northern Iowa. She began her teaching career in Guthrie Center, where she taught for three years, then continued in Ottumwa for six years. Pat later served as a consultant with AEA 7, dedicating her professional life to supporting special education students until her retirement in 1993.

Family was the center of Pat’s life. She is survived by her son, Christopher Taylor, and daughter-in-law, Patrina Reeves. She took immense pride and joy in her grandchildren, Georgina and Brett Boyd, Kathryn Taylor and Rob Prince, and Charlie Taylor, as well as her three great-grandchildren, Hendrix Boyd, Huddy Boyd, and Billie Prince. Pat shared an especially close and loving bond with her Australian family, who were a constant source of joy, connection, and pride throughout her life, despite the miles between them. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Iva O’Brien.

Pat was also a cherished special friend of Wendy, Tracy and Judy who

became extended family to the Taylor's. The Taylor family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who provided Pat with daily love, care, and support. Special thanks are offered to the wonderful and compassionate staff at Thuesen Cottages, whose kindness and dedication meant so much to Pat and her family.

When Pat took her last breath, she was surrounded by loving friends and photos of her family. She is finally at peace and joyfully reunited with the love of her life, Chuck.

Memorial services will be 10am Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Cedar Heights Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls. A time of refreshments and fellowship immediately following the service.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church
2015 Rainbow Drive
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 268-0153
<http://cedarheightspres.org>

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked for a few years with Pat at Irving in Waterloo. She was always professional, had the kids' best interests at heart, and had a wonderful sense of humor.

Chris Murphy - April 14 at 10:38 PM

JG

“ We enjoyed getting to know Pat when we joined Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church. She was so kind to our daughters and encouraging of us as parents. We appreciated her since we do not have family in town. Pat will be missed. Thinking of her family and friends as they remember Pat.

Jennifer Garrett - January 11 at 11:01 AM

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“ I enjoyed working along side Pat as special education consultants at AEA 7.

Gloria Tollefson - December 16, 2025 at 07:02 PM