



Patricia Ann Essington

May 30, 1932 - March 9, 2019

Patricia Ann Essington, 86, of Cabery, passed away on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Miller Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Kankakee. She was born on May 30, 1932 in Paxton, the daughter of Richard and Leta Wilson Strebeck. Patricia married Gordon Essington on January 23, 1954 at Kankakee Presbyterian Church.

Patricia was the Director of Volunteer Services at the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno. She was the former State President of the Ladies Auxilliary at VFW Post 2857, as well as a former Youth Group President at the Presbyterian Church and a Senior Girl Scout Leader.

Patricia's life revolved around her children and grandchildren, but she also enjoyed flower gardening, baking – especially hot fudge, and helping people – especially veterans. She singlehandedly raised enough money for a park and tennis court to be built in Cabery. Today, it is still the only park in the small town.

She is survived by her husband Gordon Essington of Cabery; two daughters Cindy (Bridget) Bertrand-Essington of Bourbonnais and Sarah (Ron) Scully of Elgin; her siblings Grace, Susie, Richard, Fred and Georgie; five grandchildren Rachel, Dane, Ryann, Tiernan and Kyle; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers Robert, Charles and Larry, and a sister-in-law Avis Schultz.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held on Friday, March 15, 2019 at 10am, with memorial service starting at 12pm. Inurnment will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421
(815) 423-9958
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

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Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Ann Essington*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM

GL

“ *Sorry to hear about the loss of Pat. Hoping all the wonderful memories will help you during this difficult time in your life. Sending my condolences to Gordon, Cindy, Sara, and the Essington family.*

Glenda Essington Loeschen - March 14, 2019 at 12:33 AM

CE

Thank you, Glenda, for your condolences. We appreciate your kind thoughts during this time of sorrow.

Gordon, Cindy, Sarah, & families

Cindy Essington - March 16, 2019 at 10:19 AM

ES

“ *I am so sorry to hear of this devastating loss. Pat was such a wonderful lady and such a powerhouse. The love she shared with all of us at the Vets Home was unbelievable. She has been missed since she left.*

Elaine Schwass - March 12, 2019 at 12:43 PM

CE

Thank you, Elaine. Pat loved working at the Veterans home and had such wonderful memories of everyone she worked with there and those who resided there.

Gordon Essington and family

Cindy Essington - March 16, 2019 at 10:23 AM

RS

“ *I remember when I lived with you and uncle Gordon we would go to the Koerner's I spent so much time there with Sharon and we would get together to go to the carnival. Had such a great time. Sure do miss those good ol days. And going to the post office across the street to get the mail and it being funny that going across the street took you into another county. From Ford County to Kankakee County and going to the Cabery Bar and Grill to get a bite to eat. Aunt Pat you are going to be missed so much, but now you can go see Grandma and Grandpa. Tell them hi and I love and miss them from me. I love you dearly.*

Rudiger Strebeck - March 12, 2019 at 11:15 AM

CE

Dearest Rudiger, we have such wonderful memories of when you lived with us. Aunt Pat was so proud of you, and so am I. I am glad you have such fond memories of our time together. Thank you for your sympathies and the beautiful flowers. Much love to you. From uncle Gordon, Cindy and Sarah.

Cindy Essington - March 16, 2019 at 10:38 AM

MW

“ *My condolences to the Essington Family. I worked with Pat at Illinois Veterans Home Manteno.*



Ms.Cheryl Wilson - March 11, 2019 at 11:42 AM

CE

Thank you for your condolences, Cheryl. She loved working at the veterans home. Gordon Essington and family.

Cindy Essington - March 16, 2019 at 10:41 AM

LD

“ *I work at Miller and Pat gave wonderful hugs. I will miss her smile.*

LISA DONAHUE - March 11, 2019 at 10:36 AM

CE

Thank you for sharing this and for taking such good care of her. From Gordon, Cindy and Sarah.

Cindy Essington - March 16, 2019 at 10:47 AM

KB

“ *1 file added to the album Memories*



Kris K Bennett - March 10, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ *Purple Rose with Carnations and Lilies (Silk Cemetery Flowers)* was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Essington.



March 10, 2019 at 05:35 PM