



Patricia Rusk

March 17, 1934 - February 9, 2020

Patricia Rusk, 85, of Manteno, passed away on Sunday (February 9, 2020) at Miller Rehabilitation Center under the devoted care of Kankakee Valley Hospice. She formerly lived in Bradley and Chebanse.

Pat was born on March 17, 1934, in Chicago, Illinois, to the parents of Eleanor and Alcide Tousignant, and was the eldest daughter of five children.

She married a handsome young airman, Chuck Rusk, and they shared over 60 happy years together before his death in 2017. After marriage, they started their life together with the Air Force in Southern California. They then moved to Valparaiso, Indiana, so Chuck could start his career with Rusk Aviation.

They followed Rusk Aviation to Kankakee and spent over thirty happy years living in Chebanse. After retiring to Bradley for ten years, they then moved to Heritage Woods in Manteno, IL.

Pat was first and foremost a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

Additionally, she worked part time by her husband's side at Rusk Aviation.

She also spent ten years as a bookkeeper for Cheese-Tech in Chebanse and then later as an accountant at OAK Orthopedics in Kankakee. She was also an enthusiastic volunteer for Catholic Charities during her retirement.

Pat loved reading, playing bridge, and baking. Friends and family still recall Pat's famous Christmas cookies. Pat was known for her joyful disposition and she deeply valued the friendships she made with neighbors, co-workers and fellow residents at Heritage Woods Manteno.

Pat is survived by her two daughters, Kathy (Tony) McGann of Wilmington and

Suzie (Steve) Bradley of Excelsior, MN. Also surviving are her grandchildren Sean McGann and Maya, Claire, and Sam Bradley; and brothers Byron and Dick Tousignant. Pat was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two siblings, Tom Tousignant and Renee Mahnke.

Memorial visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 15, at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Bourbonnais Chapel. Interment will be at a later date at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Pat's family would like to thank her compassionate friends and caregivers at Heritage Woods and Riverside Hospital. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley, which provided devoted care during her final days.

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

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel
1100 N. Convent St.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-2421

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Rusk*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *My condolences to the family of Patricia Rusk, Robert Berns of Clifton*

Robert Berns - February 14, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ *So sorry for your lose. It's always hard at this moment but enjoy the memories which will flow at this time. I heard many great stories of Patricia which I could relate to. She had a wonderful smile and will be missed. Cherish your memories for she will always be with you in your heart.*

Diana Smith - February 13, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ *We loved having Pat and Chuck as neighbors. We always had a lot of laughs when we were together. They were trusting, caring and empathic people. We share in your sorrow and send our most heartfelt sympathy.*

Tom and Kay Lahners - February 13, 2020 at 05:40 PM

CM

“ Pat and Chuck were such great people. I loved the years working with Pat at OAK. She always had a smile for you when you needed it most and was loved by us all. Till we meet again, Pat.

Cheryl Metzka

Cheryl Metzka - February 13, 2020 at 12:25 PM

JC

“ So many good memories knowing Pat over the years of working together at OAK.
She was truly a good friend and confidant. Many happy times and lots of laughter.
No matter how down you were, she could always lift your spirits.

Judy Cotner-Alexander

Judy Cotner-Alexander - February 13, 2020 at 12:03 PM

SW

“ My mother and Pat played a lot of bridge together and seemed to enjoy each other's company. I remember going to the house with Susie. Pat was always so welcoming and loved to chat with all of us. She was one of those Moms you just felt comfortable with.
Thinking of all of her family! God Bless Stephanie Weedon

Stephanie Weedon - February 13, 2020 at 11:43 AM

PZ

“ So sorry to learn of your Mother's passing. Your mom and dad were great friends with my mom and dad along with Glen and Betty Elliot. Playing bridge, going to the Moose, talking airplanes and just having sharing good times. Our sincere condolences to all of you.

Paul and Cheryl Ziemer, WA

Paul Ziemer - February 12, 2020 at 10:14 AM

MM

“ MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Patricia Rusk



MR MRS - February 11, 2020 at 08:16 AM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schreffler Funeral Home - February 10, 2020 at 03:26 PM