



Patricia "Patty" Anne Brown Stiff

October 20, 1935 - January 9, 2016

A video tribute will be posted when complete. Please check back.

Mattoon, IL – Patricia “Patty” Anne Brown Stiff joined her Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven at 5:45 MST on January 9, 2016. This amazing lady passed peacefully while sleeping at one of her favorite spots on this earth, in her condo in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The family will be hosting a Celebration of Life for Patty at the First United Methodist Church in Mattoon on January 21, 2016. There will be a visitation from 4pm – 6 pm, and at 6pm the celebration led by Pastor Ken Hutchens will start in the sanctuary. There will be music special to Patty and sharing of memories of her life. The service will be followed by a dessert buffet in the Fellowship Hall. The family would like to invite anyone who knew Patty to join this celebration of her passing into a new life, with a new body, and reunited with those she loved. For the ladies who are coming, it would be fun if you wore a pin on the back of your shoulder, as a tribute to Patty. If you know the story, you are already smiling. If you do not, we will let you in on the secret at the Celebration.

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938 is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Family, Fun, and Fashion...Patty was known for all three. She brought sparkle to a room, and you could not help but enjoy her infectious laugh. She lived each day to the fullest, with a schedule that would wear out someone ½ her age. She enjoyed each day, and made sure that others were also enjoying themselves as well. She is already missed.

Patty was an only child, born on October 20, 1935. She was blessed with a wonderful Mother, Marjorie Alexander Brown, and a doting father Robert Wendell Brown, both deceased. Patty was a proud member of the Mattoon High School Class of 1953, and married her high school Sweetheart Lew Stiff in 1955. Lew passed away 4 years ago, and we can almost hear the music coming from the party these two are having in Heaven celebrating the reunion of two people who loved each other so much. Patty is survived by her daughter Lisa Bond (husband Brett Bond) of Mattoon; her son Greg Stiff (wife Marcia Lowder Stiff) of St. Peters, MO; three sisters-in-law: Barbara Bridges (Mattoon) Shirley Goudie (Clearwater, Florida); and Deanna Stiff (Mattoon). Patty also had 5 grandchildren: Ashley Bond West (husband Jeremy West) of Mattoon, Amanda Bond Stockton (husband Lance Stockton) of Noblesville, IN, and Amber Bond Lauwers (husband Whit Lauwers) of Charleston, and Brady and Kailynn Stiff of Saint Peters, MO. Patty had six great-grandchildren Avery, Olivia, Taylor, Emma, Mason, and Kenzie. All 11 of the them will deeply miss their Grammy/Migi and her “sugars.”

Patty attended Eastern Illinois University and was a proud Panther her whole life. Patty and Lew traveled while in the service (and continued this practice then in retirement), making lifelong friends across the US. They settled back in Mattoon in the late 50's, where they started their family. Patty also started the Miss Coles County Pageant in 1959 and continued as the director until the 1969. It was in that year that she gave up showing fashions on the pageant runway, and started selling fashions to the ladies of Coles County, as the first Doncaster consultant in the area. She loved making women beautiful, and

won many national awards for her talents over her 46 years as a fashion consultant.

Patty was proud of Central Illinois, and served in many volunteer efforts including: leadership roles at the First United Methodist Church of Mattoon; FUMC Methodist Women; PEO (active since 1977); a Charter Member of Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Guild; Leadership in Mattoon Golf and Country Club Women's Golf Association; Board of Trustee Catholic Charities; and the SBLHC Women's Connection. She also proudly served a Board Member for the Little theater On the Square since 2003, where over the past 10 years, she has been personally involved with fundraising to keep theater thriving in Central Illinois!

In honor of Patty's spirit of giving, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to The First United Methodist Church of Mattoon, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Foundation, or the Little Theater on the Square in Sullivan, IL.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com to light a virtual candle in her honor, and share a memory with her family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
1601 Charleston Avenue
Mattoon, IL 61938

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia "Patty" Anne Brown Stiff*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - January 25, 2016 at 08:35 AM



“ *Patricia "Patty" Anne Brown Stiff*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *I could not have had a better FIRST COUSIN. I will miss her a lot.*
Bill Alexander

Bill Alexander - January 21, 2016 at 03:45 PM



“ *In loving memory always of Patty Stiff.*
Alice Scott



Alice Scott - January 20, 2016 at 04:24 PM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - January 20, 2016 at 01:50 PM

BN

“ *Patty always had a smile and i loved to hear her laughter. I remember as a young boy going to Mattoon with my mom and dad to spend the evening with Patty and Lew. I would be playing in the house with Lisa and could always remember the laughter from all four parents! Joy, enthusiasm, happiness, and love come to mind thinking back on those days! Great memories and my sympathy goes out to the family.*

Brad Neet - January 19, 2016 at 12:37 AM

HB

“ We were married in 1958 and met Patty and Lew Stiff a week or so later in Ft. Smith, Arkansas where Lew and Hank were serving in the army. Although we never lived near each other our friendship grew through the years – visiting each other’s homes, golfing vacations, sightseeing trips and phone calls. Every time they visited us Patty always arrived with an original and thoughtful hostess gift. One that will always be special sits on a table in our living room. Patty met an artist on their travels who painted decorative bird houses and had her paint a special one showing a soldier boy and his sweetheart kissing under a rose arbor. Who, but Patty, would take the time and effort to come up with such a meaningful gift-taking an old memory and creating a new one? Hank and Cinda Barthel



Hank & Cinda Barthel - January 18, 2016 at 12:57 PM

BS

“ Bonnie Scrimager lit a candle in memory of Patricia "Patty" Anne Brown Stiff



Bonnie Scrimager - January 18, 2016 at 08:14 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Patty at Bible study



n - January 17, 2016 at 12:05 PM

Kelly
Marie

“ Kelly Marie lit a candle in memory of Patricia
"Patty" Anne Brown Stiff



Kelly Marie - January 17, 2016 at 09:10 AM

JS

“ Jan Scott lit a candle in memory of Patricia
"Patty" Anne Brown Stiff



Jan Scott - January 17, 2016 at 12:43 AM

MT

“ I did not know Patty but do know her
wonderful son Greg. She must have been a
wonderful woman, as is evident by Greg's
loving nature, as well as the wonderful words
listed on this page. My thoughts and prayers
go out to her family.



Michelle Tylman-Sleevar - January 16, 2016 at 11:05 PM

PP

“ We met Patty and got to know her through Barb Bridges! We always enjoyed seeing her and the "Dove Ladies" at Cracker Barrell. That was the name they were given at CB. She was always so energetic and smiling! What a kind soul and she will be missed! Prayers are with all of her family! Pat and Judy Phipps



Pat & Judy Phipps - January 16, 2016 at 12:46 PM

BM

“ Barbara McLain lit a candle in memory of Patricia "Patty" Anne Brown Stiff



Barbara McLain - January 15, 2016 at 10:15 PM