



# Patricia O'Brien

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**P**atricia Ann Runkle O'Brien was born to Don and Mary Runkle on January 9, 1954 at Chillicothe, Missouri in Livingston County. Pat graduated from Davis County High School in Bloomfield, Iowa in 1972. Pat was united in marriage to Michael William O'Brien on July 3, 1975. To this union they were blessed with three wonderful children: Jeremy, Dallas and Bridget. She lost her battle with cancer on July 4, 2010 at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines at the age of 56. Pat was a person who lived, loved and laughed often. She maintained a sunny outlook that made a lasting impression on the countless people whose lives she touched. Pat's first priority was her family. Together with her husband, Mike, they passed on the same joy and appreciation for life to their children. Her nine grandchildren brought her immense delight and pleasure from their laughs and giggles to their many activities, going on trail rides and just hanging out at Grandma Pat's and Papa Mike's house. Pat and Mike shared an appreciation for the farm life having both grown up on farms themselves. They have managed to enjoy farm life no matter if they were living in town or on the farm. They kept busy breeding a fine line of Quarter Horses and raising cattle. The community also benefited from Pat's constant willingness to contribute. She was a welcoming presence in the Wayne County Farm Bureau Office at Corydon. Pat was especially proud to write and share the stories about Farm Bureau members. Mike and Pat were both involved in the horse-riding group WHOA (Wayne Horse Owners Association) and they have enjoyed all the activities and friendships they have made. Pat is survived by her husband of 35 years, Michael William O'Brien of Corydon, son Jeremy and wife Amanda of Corydon and their children Lane and Clara, son Dallas and wife Jocelyn of Milo and their children Brynn, Skylar, and Halle, and daughter Bridget and husband Troy Goretska of Corydon and their children Chloe, Morgan, Tyson, and Trey. She is also survived by her mother, Mary Runkle of Ottumwa, Iowa, sister Donna Runkle and husband Al



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Dillenburg of Johnstown, Ohio, sister Carol Schumaker of Colorado Springs, Colorado, brother Neal and wife Teri of Ottumwa, Iowa, and brother Craig and wife Carla of Cherry Valley, Arkansas. Preceding Pat in death was her father, Don Lavern Runkle. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Patricia O'Brien please visit our Sympathy Store. Visitation JUL 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CDT) Randolph Funeral Home 204 North Greeley StreetCorydon, IA 50060 Funeral Service JUL 9. 1:30 PM (CDT) Randolph Funeral Home 204 North Greeley StreetCorydon, IA 50060



# Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 1:40 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 2:17 PM



**Barbara Strunk Adams - Seymour, Ia - Friend** posted:

Pat was an energetic, talented, creative lady. We shared that rented mobile home in Bloomfield for several months. To Mike, Mary, the siblings, and Pat and Mike's children I never met, I am sorry for your loss.

August 15 at 7:00 PM



**Ura & Kathy Stufflebeam Hartwick - Bloomfield, Ia** posted:

Mike and family Our thought and prayers come to your family as you deal with the loss of Pat. She clearly took pleasure in giving joy to others and will leave you with so many good memories to help heal your aching hearts. Deepest condolences. Ira & Kathy Hartwick

July 19 at 7:00 PM



**Crystal Ashmore Mccarty - Ottumwa , Ia - Classmate** posted:

I want to offer my condolences to Pats family and friends. I have many fond memories of Pat from Belknap. We were a small but close group of kids and I have many fond memories of those school days. God Bless you all and know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

July 18 at 7:00 PM



**Cat Griffin And Family - Step-Family** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all those who were blessed by Pat. I spent a little time with the O'brien family as a kid. And time has lead to great memories! My heart goes out to you all. Much love, Cat Griffin and family

July 15 at 7:00 PM



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KC

**Kimberly Jessip - Ia - Osceola Vision Center** posted:

I am very sorry for her passing, she was a very kind and friendly person. I enjoyed working with her at the Vision Center. My thought and prayers are with your family. God Bless you all!

July 7 at 7:00 PM

CF

**Chariton Valley Medical Center - Centerville, Ia - Friend** posted:

Although we didn't know Pat personally we heard so many good things about her from our coworker and Pat's daughter-in-law Amanda O'Brien. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

July 7 at 7:00 PM

RW

**Rhonda Weaklend Roorda - Montezuma, Ia - Co-Worker** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I had the plesure of working with Pat at the Vision Center for several years with many good memories, she was such a kind and thoughtful person.

July 7 at 7:00 PM

PF

**Pam And Kenny Combs - Lamoni, Ia - Friend** posted:

Mike, Jeremy, Dallas and Bridget--We have great memories of your family when you all were in Lamoni (all of those summer ballgames). We want you to know that you are all in our thoughts. From reading the memories... it sounds like we are not the only ones that admired and appreciated Pat's wonderful kind spirit. May the good memories comfort you at this time of loss.

July 7 at 7:00 PM

LM

**Linda (Forsythe) Wilfawn - Fairfield, Ia - Cousin To Mike** posted:

Mike, You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Marianna Stewart - Ottumwa, Ia - Very Good Friend** posted:

I remember very good times with Pat. We were friends, Pat, Barb Williams and me. I met Pat when we were being bussed to Pulaski Elementary school in the sixth grade. We were in the Belknapp Belles 4-H Club and remained good friends all through High School. She would stay all night with her grandma and I would stay all night with my Great Aunt and Uncle, Mary and Harold Waggoner. They live about a couple of blocks from the high school and that is how we were able to go to the Football and Basketball games. After I finished the Ottumwa Beauty Academy directly after High School, we rented a trailer together in Bloomfield. We learned a lot from that experience and shared our dreams and wishes. I remember Pat having a big heart full of kindness toward others. I truly feel blessed having known her and will greatly miss her.

July 7 at 7:00 PM

RF

**Rhonda Tharp - Lamoni, Ia - Friend** posted:

What I remember about Pat is that she was the most considerate and kind person I ever met. Her husband and kids were very blessed to have such a wonderful wife and mother. She will be greatly missed.

July 7 at 7:00 PM

DS

**Donna Runkle - Johnstown, Oh - Sister** posted:

Pat was a Super Sister and friend. She took pleasure in the smallest things. Her optimistic outlook and diplomatic manner will be missed. She is an inspiration to all of us. The love, dedication, and care brother-in-law Mike gave to Pat is greatly appreciated. Mike has been the glue to the family and a rock throughout this difficult time. Love from Sister Donna

July 6 at 7:00 PM

MC

**Mike And Cody Kerby - Bloomfield, Ia - Classmatefriend** posted:

Pat was always a wonderful caring person and a friend who always had a smile for everyone. Didn't see much of her or Mike except for the class reunions but it was always a blessing to see her smile. Our prayers will be with you and be assured that the Lord has received a wonderful new angel in heaven.

July 6 at 7:00 PM



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TL

**Teri Runkle - Ottumwa, Ia - Sister-In-Law** posted:

Pat was such a positive and loving person. She was the very definition of courage and strength. This world was a much better place with her in it. She will be missed so much by so many.

July 6 at 7:00 PM

EC

**Emily Brown Rudd - Boulder, Co - High School Classmate** posted:

Dear Mike and Family, Sincere sympathy to all of you. What a full life Pat lived; how sad that it was cut short. May you be comforted by the love she had for you and by the hope that sometime all of us will be reunited with our loved ones who went before. Emily Brown Rudd

July 6 at 7:00 PM

VW

**Vel Eccleston - Leon, Ia - Co-Worker** posted:

I so enjoyed working with Pat at Central Decatur High School. She was my assistant one year and a great worker. A wonderful sweet person. She will leave a huge void in her family. My sympathy to Mike and family.

July 6 at 7:00 PM

TF

**Todd & Karcy Hall - Lucas, Ia - Friend Of The Family** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Please know you're in our thoughts and prayers. Let us know if we can do anything for you. Take care, Todd, Karcy & Shelby

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RU

**Ralph Haefner - I Work With Donna At Usgs** posted:

Condolences to the entire family from your extended family at the USGS.

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**Kathy Ritter - Ottumwa, Ia - High School Classmates** posted:

To Pat's family - I am so very sorry for your loss. Pat was by far the sweetest gal in our class and she stayed that way through the years. I will remember lots of fun times in High School with Pat and that ornery Husband of hers. Please know that she will be missed and remembered

July 5 at 7:00 PM

SS

**Sharon Moritz - Northwood, Ia - Friend From School** posted:

Dear Mike and family, I was so sad to hear you have lost Pat. She was such a kind and caring person. I have seen her set her jaw in determination, but those angry words were few (if ever). I will always remember her as a beautiful lady-both inside and out. I know she loved you all so very much. Know that your 1972 classmates are thinking of you and surrounding you with love. Pat will be dearly missed-but she has certainly left her positive mark in this world. Sharon (Wells) Moritz

July 5 at 7:00 PM

DC

**Doug And Sandy Warning - Bloomfield, Ia - Doug - Classmate** posted:

We are sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts.

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TF

**Tammy Teter - Lebanon, Mo - Friend** posted:

Mike, We are so sorry to hear about Pat losing her battle. The last time I saw her she seemed to have such a good outlook, even with all she was going through. I am so glad I got to know her through WHOA. I have a lot of good memories of the challenges we put together. She was such an asset to the group. She didn't have a mean bone in her body and I'll always remember her smiling. Wish we could be there. I would give you a hug, but know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Tammy and Gail Teter

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## Media

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