



Patsy "Pat" Ruth Hemenway Obituary

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Patsy Ruth (Watson) Hemenway was born at the family home, Richards, Texas on November 27, 1930, to George Milner Watson and Annie Beatrice (Taylor) Watson. Pat was the youngest of ten children. Upon graduation in 1948 from Richards, Texas High School, Pat began employment in a newspaper office in Conroe, Texas as a bookkeeper. She later was employed at the A.S.C.S. office in Conroe, and is where she was working when she met George Hemenway on a blind date. George and Pat were married on November 26, 1952, and were married 54 years until George's death in 2006. The two of them lived in several states including Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri following George's railroad career, and then moved to Allerton, Iowa in 1958. Pat missed her large family in Texas and oftentimes rode the Rocket train to Texas to visit her family. Pat worked as a secretary at the Allerton School and as a teacher's aide at the Cambria Junior High, and she owned Pat's Shoe Shop and Pat's Dairy Sweet for a number of years in Allerton. She later worked at the A.S.C.S. office in Corydon where she eventually retired from. Upon retirement, she and George were able to winter in Richards, Texas near several of her siblings, nephews, and nieces. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and was a Girl Scout leader. Pat was a member of the Sunnyslope Church of Christ. Pat's church friends and her Allerton friends were an important part of her life over the years. She was an exceptional mother and grandmother. Her family was very blessed in having her as their mother and grandmother. She was known for her Texas-style fried okra and black-eyed peas and did a lot of canning from her gardens. Pat was very creative and an accomplished tole painter and seamstress. She loved antiques and refinished several. Pat was so proud of the latest addition to her family of twin baby girls. Her grandchildren all knew her as 'Mama Pat.' Going on before her were her husband, George Hemenway; her parents, George and Annie Watson; and her siblings, Ollie, Erma (Stovil), Linwood,



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Otis, Marvin, Reba (Hawkins), and Jack Watson. Surviving are her sister Eloise Garrett of Richards, Texas, and brother Harold Watson from New Waverly, Texas; brother-in-law Charles Hemenway of Mercer, Missouri; several nieces and nephews; children Lorie (Alan) Pearson of Chariton, Iowa, Marla (Ali) Davoudi of Lima, Ohio, and Stan Hemenway of West Allis, Wisconsin; grandchildren Michelle (Russ) Maile, Joshua (Alyson) Pearson, Tabitha (Joe) Fleck, Eric (Shanna) Pearson, Alicia (Joe) VonVille, Andrea (Chris) Davoudi/Alexis, and Jordan, Ellie and Jacob Hemenway; and great grandchildren Maddie, Rebecca, and Rylan Maile; Cade and Daelynn Mauch; Mason, Campbell, and Hadley Fleck; and Eli VonVille. Memorials in Pat's honor may be given to the Sunnyslope Church of Christ or the Allerton First Responders. Book Travel to Services To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Patsy "Pat" Ruth Hemenway Obituary please visit our Sympathy Store.



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LA

Linda Fain - Corydon, Ia - Neighbor In Allerton posted:

I fondly remember Pat sharing her applebutter when I was her neighbor in Allerton. Loved her soft sweet southern accent. Pat and George were both wonderful people and raised kind kids just like them. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

September 5 at 7:00 PM



BN

Bill Watson - Conroe, Tx - Nephew posted:

Growing up, when there was to be a Watson family gathering, I would always ask my dad or mom if Aunt Pat and Uncle George were coming. I was always excited if they were and disappointed if they were not. I loved being around them. Always kind and caring and a wonderful influence on me. Though ill at the time, a few years ago Aunt Pat was able to make a trip to Richards and I got to see her. She was still Aunt Pat, and I introduced her to my wife Dottie, who was immediately taken with her. Dottie later expressed to me how she understood my feelings about 'Aunt Pat'. I know the Lorie and Marla and Stanley and their families miss her terribly. I wish you the comfort of knowing that she is in good hands.

September 5 at 7:00 PM



CC

Chris Pearson Horton - Greentop, Mo - Alan And Lorie's Cousin posted:

Always remember Pat being such a classy and sweet lady. A true beautiful person and I see that so much in Lorie as well. Always enjoyed any time spent with them @ family gatherings in the old days. I remember going to their house in Allerton with the folks. Heaven gained a special angel.

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WN

Warren And June Watson - Conroe, Tx - Nephew posted:

Lori, Stan and Marla And all the family, Warren and I have you in our prayers at this very difficult time. Aunt Pat was such a sweet lady always thinking of others. I will always remember her bringing over some homemade cinnamon rolls to Warren and I. Wow they were the best I ever had. And she bake a whole pan full. She left some precious memories with us. Love you all Warren , June and Family

September 2 at 7:00 PM

BF

Ben J. Taylor - Des Moines, Ia - Long Time Friend posted:

My mother and Patsy were very good friends for many years. Our families got together to share good times and good food. Patsy would share recipes with my mother and one of them became a staple in our house. 'Hemenway Casserole' was always one of our favorites. I can also remember eating several meals at her home with her family. That is the first place that I ever ate black-eyed peas and the first place I ever heard of okra. I will miss her smile and her Texas accent. It was always an interesting time when we went to the Hemenways for a visit.

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