



Patricia June Gaither Burkman

October 24, 1928 - February 19, 2020

Patricia June Gaither Burkman was Born October 24, 1928 to Harold Gaither-Newman & Reva Bailie, in Nebraska.

Her father was adopted by the Newman family, due to a hunting accident. Her father a Gaither by birth one of the original family colony founders of Jamestown Virginia 1620, England's first American colony.

Pat was a survivor and a trail blazer.

Her young life was filled with adversity. Born with severe allergies, with goat milk finally bringing her some relief. She was a child of the Great Depression. At age 13 her appendix burst, died and had an afterlife experience.

Her father had a successful trucking business, although experiencing difficult times he supported her as his special daughter.

Her mother was an organ, piano, and guitar teacher, influencing Pat's passion for music and in her late teens she sang on the radio.

She married at age 20 to Bill, a WW2 fighter pilot and geology graduate from the University of Nebraska.

Bill owned a seismograph business. They relocated often (South Dakota, New Mexico, and South Texas) during those early years, barely making it.

Her first-born son Gary was born in Houston 1954 & Jeff was born 1957.

Pat and Bill helped found the 1st Lutheran Church of Bellaire where their boys were baptized.

The family moved back and forth between Houston and Amarillo between 1957 and 1975 making Houston their final home. She became a very successful real estate broker in Houston & Amarillo. She decided she wanted to pursue a college degree, and obtained a Bachelor's degree in social work over a course of 8 years, and her Master's degree. Pat worked as a Medical Social Worker in hospitals and nursing homes until she was 78 years old.

Pat had many passions especially singing and dancing, she sang in church choirs at various churches in Houston & Amarillo and also Sweet Adeline's, tap dancing and ballroom dancing with Bill, playing bridge and traveling the world. She often performed in nursing homes – dancing and singing – just giving back to those in need.

As one of her good friends recently said – Pat was a class act!

She is survived by Jeff a Professional Engineer, living in the Woodlands and Gary, a CPA, living in Amarillo.

Previous Events

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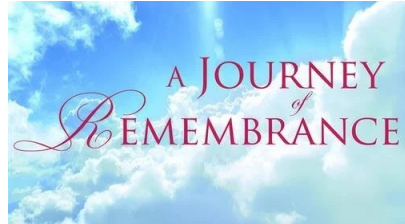
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