



## Patricia Kay Wheeler

November 14, 1944 - January 22, 2021

Pat Wheeler was born in Topeka, Kansas, on November 14, 1944. She was embraced by the arms of Jesus on Friday, January 22, 2021, after a short battle with cancer.

Pat graduated from Hayden High school in 1962. She was married in 1966, in Topeka, Kansas, and spent 54 years with the love of her life, John. Pat attended Washburn University and chose to become a stay-at-home mother. She was a daycare provider, Girl Scout Leader, and a water aerobics instructor. One of her biggest passions was volunteering as the Art and Environment Coordinator at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, Missouri. She was also an Ambassador of the West Lake Chamber of Commerce for the past 6 years.

Pat is survived by her husband, John P. Wheeler of the home in Sunrise Beach, MO; twin brother, William (Bill) R. Smith of Sunrise Beach, MO; daughters, Diane R. Oelke and husband, Mark of Topeka, KS, Donna R. Wells and husband, Shad of Meriden, KS and Dawn (Becky) R. Miller of Topeka, KS; grandchildren, Dustin Oelke, Katrina Hall, Jacob Miller, Austin Wells, Joshua Wells, and Kaylee Wells and great-grandchildren, Parker Spielman, Matthew Oelke, and Caiden Hall. He was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Cael Hall.

A mass of Christian burial will be held on Saturday, January 30th at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, Missouri. Visitation will occur at 9:00 a.m. and Rosary at 9:30 a.m. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. A private family graveside service will immediately follow mass. Family will join friends and loved ones from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Lake of the Ozarks Board of Realtors Office (125 Oddo Drive, Sunrise Beach, MO 65079).

In lieu of flowers, Pat has requested donations be sent to the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church (176 Marian Drive, Laurie, MO 65037).

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O  
Laurie, MO 65038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
176 Marian Dr.  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

## Rosary

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

HC

“ Conventions were always more fun with John and Pat! John playing his music and Pat so proud of him. What great folks and Pat was a sweetheart always! Heaven has a new angel!

Herb and Cheryl - January 30, 2021 at 11:16 AM

NJ

“ Sympathy and prayers to John, Diane, Donna and Dawn and their families and to our dear friend Bill Smith, her twin brother. We only had the privilege of meeting Pat once when Bill & Nancy invited us to lunch with the four of them. She truly did light up the place and had a disposition that made you want to know her more. How sad that her life was cut short so soon. May God hold her close.

Norma Johnson - January 30, 2021 at 09:38 AM

LC

“ John and family: Sorry to hear of your loss. We always looked forward to seeing you and Pat at the OLTA conventions. Love you, John. Linda and Bob Carpenter

Linda Carpenter - January 29, 2021 at 03:15 PM

LP

“ John and family: So sorry to hear of your loss. Our sincerest condolences are with you all at this time. Lisa and Larry Peterson (Chalfant & Tompkins Title Company, Camdenton)

Larry Peterson - January 29, 2021 at 10:05 AM

SW

“ Pat and John were one of the first to welcome me and my husband to the lake community. Pat was always kind and generous and I will miss her warm smile and great friendship! I am so happy she loved the Lord and is in His awesome presence waiting for all of us to join her one day!

Shawn Whitworth - January 28, 2021 at 08:23 PM

KM

“ Prayers go up for the Wheeler family. For decades one of the highlights of an OLTA convention was spending time with Pat and “wheels”. MUG forever.

Ken McDowell - January 28, 2021 at 02:52 PM

SD

“ I so enjoyed meeting Pat at the pool & taking her classes. She always had a great smile & was so genuine & kind. She was a bright light & shared her spirit openly. May her family be comforted by the many good memories of their time together.

Sandy Dolezal - January 27, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ Katherine Lacroix lit a candle in memory of Patricia Kay Wheeler



Katherine Lacroix - January 27, 2021 at 04:04 PM

SE

“ I met Pat at the pool. She was such a great lady. We all loved her spunk and her energy. She was a great water aerobics instructor as well!!! I loved taking her class!!!

Sue Elliott - January 27, 2021 at 12:35 PM

KH

“ Katie Hall lit a candle in memory of Patricia Kay Wheeler



Katie Hall - January 26, 2021 at 08:00 AM

KH

“ I am forever grateful and feel so blessed to have had the beautiful memories that I had with her. Giggling about past memories and seeing you light up like a ray of sunshine when you met your great grandson was my favorite by far ☐ love you forever and ever - thank you for everything Grandma. ☐☐

Katie Hall - January 26, 2021 at 08:00 AM

DI

“ Love you Mom!

Diane - January 25, 2021 at 11:01 AM

SF

Pat was one of those. Whose light shined. Before me. I shall always remember Pat

stanley field - January 25, 2021 at 03:41 PM

DI

“ *Diane lit a candle in memory of Patricia Kay Wheeler*



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**Diane** - January 25, 2021 at 11:00 AM

BJ

*She was one of the most beautiful people I knew and I will miss her so very much!! Always so very sweet and kind and wearing her beautiful smile. She will be missed so very much by all her friends and the community. I know the heavens were celebrating when she arrived and Jesus had his arms opened wide to welcome her home. I know she's in a beautiful place but my heart breaks that I won't get to see her again on this earth. Love you so very much my dear Pat and will miss you greatly.*

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**Billi Johnson** - January 25, 2021 at 11:06 AM

DA

*What a beautiful person she was, friend to so many! She always had a beautiful smile and a warm hug! She will be greatly missed in our community and our hearts go out to John and their family! RIP Pat, gone but not forgotten.*

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**Debbie Ashwill** - January 25, 2021 at 04:32 PM

LJ

*I always enjoyed visiting with Pat at the pool. She had a strong faith and knew that this journey would lead her home! We can be assured she is at peace even though those left behind will miss her so much.*

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**Lori Johnson** - January 26, 2021 at 03:24 PM