



Lora 'Pat' Vestal

December 3, 1947 - November 7, 2018

Lora Patricia (Pat) Vestal, 71, Bolivar, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, November 7, 2018 after battling complications from breast cancer. In the final days of her blessed life, Pat was surrounded in her home by her husband, daughter and two sons.

Pat was born on December 3, 1947 in Springfield, Missouri and was a graduate of Parkview High School in 1965. As a flight attendant in the late 1960's, Pat lived in New York city, traveled the world, and logged over a million miles for Trans World Airlines.

Pat met Robert Dick (R.D.) Vestal in the summer of 1968 in Springfield, Missouri and the two were married on June 2, 1970. Pat and R.D. moved to Bolivar, Missouri in September 1970 where R.D. would take over the family farm implement business, Vestal Equipment, and where Pat would work for Missouri Telephone Company.

In 1979, Pat purchased Amber's Children Shop in Bolivar, remaking the business to a boutique children's clothing store and renaming the store to Frogs-N-Friends. For over twenty-five years, Pat owned and operated Frogs-N-Friends with customers from all over the region. Pat loved serving her many customers and their children, taking pride in perfectly wrapped gifts for kids' birthday parties, holidays, first days of school, and other special occasions.

Pat employed numerous women and young ladies at Frogs-N-Friends over the years and cherished their friendship and service to the business. Pat sold Frogs-N-Friends and retired in 2005 to spend more time beating her husband in their daily Scrabble games, playing bridge with girlfriends, and attending grandchildren's ballgames, music programs, birthday parties, and other events.

Pat is survived by her husband of more than 48 years, R.D., of the home; two sons and two daughters-in-law, Brian David and wife Jennifer Vestal of St. Louis; Brady Christopher and wife Missy Vestal of Bolivar; and a daughter and son-in-law, Lora Elizabeth (Bess) and husband Corey Rich of Bolivar. Pat was called "Nana" and God generously blessed her with seven grandchildren whom she loved and cherished, William David and Samuel Charles Vestal of St. Louis; Jackson Brady, Sophia Jean, and Knox Christopher Caffey Vestal of Bolivar; and MacCaffey Patrick and Oliver David Rich of Bolivar.

As a member of Open Hearts United Methodist Church in Bolivar, Pat was a faithful servant to God, the church, and its members for over 45 years as a Sunday school teacher, VBS leader, acolyte coordinator, committee member and in many other ways. Pat loved the church and the life-long friendships developed over the years. Through the hills and valleys of life and especially in her 5-year battle with cancer, Pat was ministered to and supported by many from the Methodist church.

After her diagnosis in October 2013, Pat was blessed with loving care from CMH Central Care Center's doctors and nurses and Pat appreciated their gentle and compassionate spirit, commitment to excellence, and passion for treating her with love and respect. During this time, R.D.'s love for his wife was demonstrated by always being by Pat's side for countless doctor visits, treatments, surgeries, and medical appointments. R.D. was faithful to care for Pat during her battle with cancer and was her steady rock of comfort to the

very end.

God also blessed Pat with friends in Bolivar almost too numerous to count. From sorority sisters, Lake Wood Hills neighbors, birthday club friends, church and business/community relationships, and many others, Pat loved and deeply cherished her Bolivar friends. These friends returned that love and support especially during her 5-year battle with cancer sending cards, flowers, prayers, and well wishes on a daily basis. Pat's friends cared for her as if she were family and gave her reasons to fight to the very end. The Vestal family is forever grateful for Pat's friends and their beautiful blessing on her life in Bolivar the last 48 years.

Visitation is at Butler Funeral Home, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, November 9, 2018. Funeral services will be held at Open Hearts United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 10, 2018 with David Collum and Billy Russel presiding. Memorial contributions are recommended to either Citizens Memorial Health Care Foundation Cancer Center Support or Open Hearts United Methodist Church of Bolivar.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lora 'Pat' Vestal*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Lora 'Pat' Vestal*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I have fond memories of Pat, especially when we played Golf. I remember her playing her best game once while being pregnant. This was in the 1970's. Beautiful lady. Prayers for her family at this time.*

Carolyn Scott Cahill

Carolyn Cahill - November 09, 2018 at 08:54 PM



“ *We were so saddened to hear of Pat's passing. Sending prayers of comfort for your family.*

Lenvil and Hilda Mooney

Lenvil & Hilda Mooney , by Brenda Miller - November 09, 2018 at 05:14 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers of comfort and peace.*

Lenvil & Hilda Mooney

Hilda Mooney - November 09, 2018 at 04:53 PM

MM

“ *Brady,
I am so sorry about your mom. She was a
sweet lady and will be greatly missed.*

Love and prayers to you and your family.

Missy (Covert) Morris



Missy Morris - November 09, 2018 at 04:30 PM

KD

“ *RD and family: I was so sorry to hear that heaven gained another
Angel. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry I will
not be able to attend the visitation or service.*

Karolyn Degraffenreid - November 09, 2018 at 02:15 PM

TT

“ *The Duck Creek Account Management Team
purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the
family of Lora 'Pat' Vestal.*



The Duck Creek Account Management Team - November 09,
2018 at 12:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Lora 'Pat' Vestal.*



November 09, 2018 at 11:15 AM

BA

“ I was very saddened to hear the passing of my friend, boss and coworker. Sorry I will not be able to attend services but know your family is in my thoughts and prayers.
Barbara Hill

BarbaraHill - November 09, 2018 at 09:40 AM

PC

Shirley and I were very saddened to hear of Pat's passing. It is reassuring to know that she's in a Better Place. But our hearts go out to her husband and family. We pray God gives them comfort and peace at this time and in the years to come.

paul cofer - November 09, 2018 at 11:55 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lora 'Pat' Vestal.



November 09, 2018 at 09:24 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lora 'Pat' Vestal.



November 09, 2018 at 07:56 AM

MG

“ So sorry to hear this. Her smile was radiant! Her testimony of faith and fellowship is inspiring.

Matt Griswold - November 09, 2018 at 07:52 AM

PL

“ *Our prayers are with the family. Sorry for your loss but it's heavens gain for sure. Paul and Brenda Long family.*

Paul & Brenda Long - November 09, 2018 at 06:53 AM

JR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to each of you as you grieve. May you hold on to all your beautiful memories of a life well lived and loved. Jan Rich, and Geandma Betty Rich.*

Jan Rich - November 08, 2018 at 08:25 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lora 'Pat' Vestal.*



November 08, 2018 at 10:26 AM