

Patricia Ann (Cairns) Adair (1950 -2019)



Patricia Ann Adair (Cairns) was born August 15, 1950 in Virden, MB, the eldest child of Freda (Othen) and Bob Cairns. She passed away on September 14, 2019 at the age of 69 years at the South East Integrated Care Centre in Moosomin, SK surrounded by the love of her life and her five children after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer.

She is survived by her loving husband Gerry, her children Tina (Brian) Cowan, Jennifer (Brian) Schafer, Sandra (Trevor) Garrett, Robert (Kerrie) Adair, and Karen (Chris) Venaas, and her grandchildren Justin (Hayley), Andrew (Aliesha), Matthew (Courtney), Blair, Teigan, Saffra, Ryder, Sidnee and Devin and 5 beautiful great-grand daughters Alianna, Isabelle, Malia, Miah, and Allyssa. She is also survived by her siblings Eileen (Grant) Dunham, Tom (Laureen) Cairns, James (Kim) Cairns, Lorraine (John) Fidelak, David (Cindy) Cairns, and Barb Cairns, her mother-in-law Betty Adair, Aunt Kay Cairns, Uncle Keith Othen, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is predeceased by her parents Bob and Freda Cairns, Aunts and Uncles Mac and Lil Cairns, Alex and Maureen Campbell, James Kevin Cairns, Pat Cairns and her father in law Bill Adair.

Pat lived in Sinclair, MB for the first 5 years of her life and then moved with her parents and family to Maryfield, SK where she attended school and graduated in June 1968. She married Gerry Adair on July 20, 1968 and they recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. Pat and Gerry spent their early married life in Regina, SK and Thompson, MB before moving back to Maryfield in 1975 to farm.

Pat and Gerry were blessed with five awesome children and there was nothing more important to her than spending time with all of her family regardless of the event. She spent countless hours researching her genealogy and enjoyed all types of crafts, especially cross stitching, gardening, telling stories and feeding her hummingbirds.

Pat had a busy work life in addition to being a mom and a farmer's wife. She started off as a taxi driver in Thompson, and also worked for Gardewine trucking in Thompson. When Pat and Gerry moved to the farm, she became a Jill of all trades and helped with the cattle and the combining and everything in between. When her children were older, she worked for Home Care and then at the Sunrise Villa as a care aide and later as the supervisor. In 1991 Pat started as a volunteer with the Maryfield ambulance service, becoming an EMT in 1995 and then a paramedic in 2004. She became the ambulance site coordinator in 2006 and stayed in this position until January 2019 when her health made it impossible for her to continue her duties. Pat was also a first aid instructor and kept busy training high school students, the local firefighters, as well as the public and employees from other local businesses.

In addition to raising her family and work, she was a dedicated volunteer within her community. When Pat said that she would help with something, she was all in – there was no halfway with her. Pat was involved with a wide variety of organizations. She sat on the school board for many years, and was also active with the Maryfield minor hockey and Maryfield figure skating clubs, including acting as a testing judge for figure skating at various testing days and competitions. Pat was highly involved with the Maryfield Blackhawks hockey team as well. She acted as the secretary/treasurer and performed many other duties to help the team out from selling 50/50 tickets and scorekeeping to everything in between. Pat travelled with the team often and eventually became the president of the Interprovincial Hockey League which increased her hockey travel commitments. Pat was also the secretary/treasurer for the Maryfield fire department, and spent many years on the Maryfield Auditorium Committee helping keep the theatre running by booking, fetching, and tracking down missing movie films, in addition to working every weekend at the theatre to ensure that things ran smoothly. She was also the secretary with the Maryfield recreation board and was instrumental in bringing the first Maryfield Rodeo to town. Pat was a member of the Pipestone Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society and she eventually assumed the role of secretary for the branch.

Pat was also highly involved with the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada for the last 20 years. She was secretary for the Saskatchewan branch and led the planning committee to host two Canada wide Dominion Conferences - one in Regina and one in Moose Jaw. She travelled to many Dominion Council meetings with her husband Gerry and attended many conferences all across Canada, beginning in 2003 and never missing one until she became sick in 2016. Pat loved that she had the opportunity to see Canada coast to coast and made many friends where ever she went. Pat considered her loyalist friends to be part of her extended family.

In 2015, Pat and Gerry went on the trip of a lifetime to Ireland and England where they reconnected with some of her dad's family and toured all of the places that she had always heard and read about. She was so glad that she went when she had the chance and her health was stable.

In April 2018, Pat and Gerry retired to Moosomin from the Adair family farm which has been in the family since 1886; the farm has now been taken over by a grandson. She will be sadly missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Pat's name to the Canadian Cancer Society, the Palliative Care unit at the South East Integrated Care Centre in Moosomin, or a charity of your choice.

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