



## Patricia Porter

July 20, 1945 - May 8, 2020

WAUCEDAH TWP. - Patricia Anne Porter age 74 of Waucedah Township, passed away early morning on Friday, May 8, 2020 at her home.

She was born in Chicago on July 20, 1945 the daughter of the late Walter and Margaret (Kozma) Bade.

Patti's adventures led her from Illinois to California to Michigan where she eventually retired to a log cabin on a scenic river with her husband Dan. "Heaven on Earth," she would call it.

Patti's entire purpose was to unconditionally love and what better purpose is there than that. Her first priority was making sure that others felt good, loved. Whether it was a compliment about "what a nice shirt" a checker was wearing at the grocery store, to a handwritten note to a waiter about what a wonderful job he was doing, she literally left a wake of love and warm feelings wherever she went.

Over her life, she traveled, raised her kids, started a business, went to college, fished, and cooked thousands of delicious recipes to show her love. She loved to laugh and had a wonderful sense of humor. She was humble and didn't realize the magnitude of the joy she brought others throughout her life.

What an honor and privilege to know, love, and be loved by Patti Porter. The world is better for having her here, truly.

Patti is survived by her husband Dan Porter; her two children Matthew (Shelby) of Seattle, WA and Tiffany (Shawn) of Ravenna, MI; grandchildren Lillian & Isabel; her sister Jeanne (Bill) of Niles, IL; and her nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 18 at 1 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway, with Pastor James Danielson, officiating.

Memorial Contributions may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital [https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/GiftFunds/GiftFunds?px=6633046&pg=personal&fr\\_id=39300](https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/GiftFunds/GiftFunds?px=6633046&pg=personal&fr_id=39300)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **18**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home  
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<https://www.ortmanfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jim and I worked with Patti at Cedar Springs Middle School. She had a talent for making you feel special. I remember one day in particular. It was Sept. 11, 2001. I walked into the office and Patti had the t.v. on. She told me that a plane has crashed into the World Trade Center. We watched together.*

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**JimandNanette Ward** - May 17, 2020 at 09:38 AM

AP

“ *Uncle Dan, I am so very sorry for your loss.*

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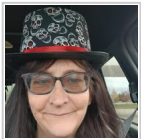
**Alan Porter** - May 16, 2020 at 07:27 PM

AJ

“ *Patti was a joy to know. Yes she had a good heart and a great sense of humor! I have missed her since she moved from the Sparta area to live in the Upper Peninsula. She made friends wherever she lived. It was a pleasure to know her! My heart goes out to Matt and Tiffany. Hugs!*

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**Adele Jones** - May 15, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ *Patti- I will forever miss your thoughtful, sharing and caring ways. We love each other like sisters, when God made you he made a beautiful person. He sent you to be with our family. You were in so much this last year so God took you home, so you could rest with him. We will meet again someday for our joyful reunion. R.I.P. Bonnie Tovey*

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**Teresa Fint** - May 15, 2020 at 09:02 AM

LD

“ I am heartbroken and so saddened by the passing of my very special dear friend Patti.  
To her family, our hearts ache, as we share stories and memories of Patti, we will find comfort, strength and peace in time. My sincere deepest sympathies to Dan, Matt, Tiffany, Jeannie, Bonnie and Nancy.  
Laura Dupey

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**Laura Ann Keller Dupey** - May 14, 2020 at 08:37 PM

NW

“ My heart is so sad on the loss of Patti as I loved her as a sister and will miss her so much. She had faith; she was strong; she had courage during her painful days and she told me many times how thankful she was for how good Dan took care of her. "Those who touch our lives stay in our heart forever".Love you more Patti! Nancy Wondergem

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**Nancy Wondergem** - May 13, 2020 at 01:06 PM

BK

My heart is saddened by the loss of Patti. She was a beautiful person and would always make you feel good. She was kind and had a heart of gold. I Feel blessed to have known her. RIP Patti you will be missed

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**Bonnie kleikamp** - May 14, 2020 at 07:10 PM

JC

You have my deepest sympathy. Sorry that I did not get to meet Patti. Praying God will be your comfort in the coming days.

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**Jean Stepniewski, cousin** - May 20, 2020 at 11:12 AM

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Matthew - May 12, 2020 at 01:33 PM

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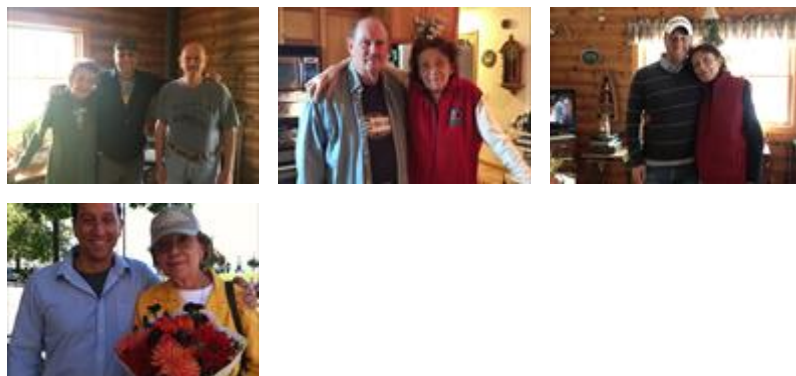
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Matthew - May 11, 2020 at 09:32 PM

MA

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Matthew - May 11, 2020 at 06:25 PM

JW

*Sorry for your loss Uncle Dan and Aunt Patty's family. Love, Jerry W.*

**Jerry Wondergem** - May 11, 2020 at 08:47 PM

DP

*So sorry for your loss of Patti. She will be missed as she was very caring. I worked with her briefly at the Middle School in Cedar Springs and everyone liked her. Prayer to her family. Sincerely Delores Powell*

**delores powell** - May 11, 2020 at 10:06 PM

MM

*Patti was an amazing woman. I had the privilege of working with her for several years. My heart is saddened by this loss and my prayers go out to her family. She will be missed.*

*Michelle Mumford*

**Michelle Mumford** - May 12, 2020 at 10:31 AM

PM

*“ So sorry for your loss Tiffany and family. She sounds like she was a wonderful person and the world has lost another one who made a positive example to all of us. Rest in peace Patricia. Thinking of you all at this time. Mike and Pam Matson*

**Pam Matson** - May 11, 2020 at 12:26 PM