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Patsy Mae Williams

July 28, 1945 - Aug. 17, 2023

Born in Wilmington, NC on July 28, 1945 to Raymond Theodore Williams and Lillian Denton Williams, it's no surprise that she had a life-long affinity for the Atlantic Ocean and the beautiful beaches of the Carolinas. Pat died peacefully on Thursday afternoon, August 17, 2023 at home in her bed surrounded by her loving family after years of declining health due to pulmonary fibrosis.

She was raised and baptized at Hopewell Baptist Church in her youth and was sustained by her faith in Christ; particularly during the last few years of poor health and most recently,

confinement at home.

A graduate of Salem High School, she also attended Western Piedmont Community College. Pat spent the majority of her career working "hands on" with both mentally and physically disadvantaged children at the Riddle Center and then a group home affiliated with Broughton Hospital in Morganton called "Kids Can Make It". She also worked for two years at the O'Berry Center in Goldsboro, NC in the same capacity. In her later working years, Pat shifted from direct care to clerical office support work at Lifegains, Inc. and lastly, Broughton Hospital school until she retired.

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Upon retirement, she became the consummate "Nannie" to her grandchildren and great- grandchildren, whom she adored with all her heart and soul, spending most of her days and many nights frolicking, reading and watching movies with them.

Along with her parents, Pat was predeceased by her brother Raymond Landres Williams, father of her children, Bennie Archie Buff, and a cherished grandson,

Benjamin Mark Buff.

Both of her children, son Mark Buff (Katherina Johnson) and daughter, Sharlene Hipple (John), of Morganton, are left to cherish her memory along with sisters Inez Williams and Judy Hager, of Morganton and Harrisburg, respectively; and sister-in-law, Beverly Garrison Williams of Morganton. Her best friend and companion for over 30 years, Judy Jackson Hensley (JuJu), was also her primary caregiver in her time of need.

Her grandchildren include Will and Sam Buff; Makenna Clark; Ryan Cook (Brooke Hodges); Tiffany Hipple (Kristie); Hunter, Kevin (Elizabeth) and Thomas McCombs.

Great-grandchildren include Tyler Hodges (Brittany), Allie Speas, Jaden Mullins, Greyson Bonfield, Ava Mullins, Harper Cook, Abbi McCombs, twins Kayden and Kolten Hipple, James Cook, Cora McCombs and twins River and Ridge Cook. The newest addition to the family and sole great-great grandchild to Pat is Hadley Grace Hodges. Pat also cherished her many nieces and nephews, cousins, and a multitude of friends.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m., Friday, September 8, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The celebration of Patsy's life will follow at 6 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Revs. Allison Benfield and Dana McKim officiating.

The family would also like to thank the VIA Health Partners Hospice team for their care and support of Pat during the past few weeks. Any contributions to Hospice, Options, Inc. or any non-profit of your choice in memory of Pat would be pleasing to her and the family.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

I rarely go online, but today I did and learned this very sad news. I worked with her (from a distance) and she was such a huge support system for me for many, many years. We remained in contact through Facebook, sharing stories & pictures of our children & grandchildren. She was so kind & so incredibly proud of her family. Always in my heart sweet Pat.

–Meredith Clark

I am so sorry for the loss

–kim suttle-barclay

–Rita Burns

It’s hard to lose a friend of some 30 years. It saddens me greatly to hear of your mother’s passing. She was a very special lady who I considered a close friend for over 30 years. My heart goes out to all of her family and those close to her that are just like family. Rest in peace Patsy Mae until we meet again.

–Rita Burns



We love and miss you so very much.

–Hannah Simmonds and Family



I am so sorry to hear of Patsy's passing. I only found out today. She was always like a sister to me just like Judy and Inez. My deepest condolences to all of the

family. I pray that God will comfort and fill you all with his love and grace. All my love to the family. Rest in peace my sweet Patsy!

–Steve Franklin



Always cherish the wonderful memories of you and your mother. Thoughts and prayers continue for you and your family Mark. Sorry for your loss. Love you brother.

–Ray Tedder



So sorry for you loss. Pat and her sisters have always been so good to my mother. Prayers for comfort in this difficult time. Love to you all.

–Pam and Randy Martin

RIP Pat. You were a bright light in so many people's lives. Your family is a beautiful legacy. One I know you were so proud of . God Bless . Heaven has gained a beautiful Angel .

–Willie & Gail Scheuneman

As I write to you with my condolences, my head is filled with images of Ms. Pat and the joy she brought to all of us who were lucky enough to know and love her. She was a truly special person, and we are all deeply sorry for your loss.

–Susan & Doug Gordon

I am so sorry to hear of Pats passing,, she was a wonderful lady. I always enjoyed seeing her. Love. Carol Taylor

–Carol Taylor



Miss you sweet lady... if not just your kind words every day that I read on my Facebook page....Praying for you all...

–Tina Crump

So very sad to hear of Pats passing. Pat was full of life, fun and always caring for others. Jerry and I loved her and the person she was. We are so sorry for her beautiful family and Judy. Our thought and prayers are with you.

–Marsha Walker Reynolds

Pat was a wonderful person and great friend ! She will be forever missed !

–Eddie & Libby Eubanks



Pat, you brought joy and so much energy to work each day at WCC. Know your will really miss your presence.

–jerry reynolds

Deepest sympathy.

–Ann Smith

All my love and prayers to Pat's family. I first met Pat many years ago when we worked together at WCC. Oh the many laughs and memories we shared. Pat shared her love and kindness so freely with each person she met. I was so honored to be her friend. I'm already looking forward to the reunion we will have in Heaven one day. Until that time you will always be remembered as my dear friend.

–Connie Boughman Barnette

My deepest condolences to the family. I remember many visits when we were children (we are cousins) and we had such great memories to treasure. We kept in touch on line and she remained the precious sweet friend I always remembered from my childhood. Prayers for you all.

–Linda Flowers Schachtschneider



She will forever be known in my heart for the most kind and loving woman and always did everything she could with a smile on her face.

–Clayton Michael Williams

My heart breaks at the passing of this dear one. She was definitely one of a kind! I first met Pat when she worked at JIRDC (then WCC). She was such a joy to be around, beautiful inside and out! I will certainly miss her many Facebook posts and keeping up with her and the beautiful family she loved. My thoughts and prayers go out to her loving family and friends. May she forever rest in sweet peace! Until we meet again.... sweet lady!!

–Wilma Black

Pat was such a pleasnt person to be around. Enjoyed our conversations about life in general . Rip sweet lady. Gary

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—Gary Harbison

REST IN PEACE Pat. You will be missed by so many.

—Bobby Mauney

Thoughts and prayers for Pat's entire family. Sorry for your loss. She will be missed.

—Laura McCoy

Pat was a very sweet lady. I sit and talk to her during lunch break when I worked at Broughton. I know she will be missed my deepest condolences to the family and friends.

—Terry Minton

Pat was a sweet lady .my thoughts and prayers are with the family .

—Tracy B Johnson



We Are Praying For The Family. GOD Bless.

—Christel And Michele Nichols



Oh dear cousin you will surely be missed by many!! You are a precious angel. Love you! Till we meet again. Rest in peace.

—Sarah Christine White