



Patsy Ann Braden

May 15, 1934 - October 5, 2016

Patsy Ann Braden, 84, of Oskaloosa passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, October 5, 2016, at the MHP Hospice Serenity House.

Patsy was born in Oskaloosa on May 15, 1934 to Leonard and Rosella (Schultz) Whipple. She graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1951 and in 1952 she married the love-of-her-life, LuVerne “Bun” Braden. She and Bun spent most of their married life in the Oskaloosa area but lived a number of years in Cedar Rapids where they still have dear friends.

Patsy dedicated her life to being a loving wife and mother and she excelled at both. She loved her Heavenly Father, organizing the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade (BGMC) program at her church, the Chicago Cubs, white gravy, and a good book. But her passion was children.

She loved her own children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren fiercely and devotedly, but God gave her a special love for kids that stretched far beyond her own family. She was known as “Grandma Pat” to generations of children in the Oskaloosa area through both her volunteer time in the local schools as the grandma who would come in and read stories and her devoted

work as a Sunday School, Missionette and Children's Church teacher and leader during her decades of service at Oskaloosa First Assembly of God.

She touched innumerable people's lives, spoke more kind words, gave more smiles, wiped more tears and gave more hugs than are even imaginable. She lived a life of love and service and Heaven is definitely more crowded because of Grandma Pat.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Larry Whipple, a sister-in-law Connie Whipple and her infant daughter Jo Dea.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving husband of 64 years, LuVerne; her two sons: Greg "Butch" (Deb) Braden of Oskaloosa and Jeffrey (Roxanne) Braden of Marion; her ten grandchildren: Shannon (Carl) Gausman, Jeremy (Joie) Braden, Ryan (Jesse) Goemaat, Amy (Shannon) Garringer, Eric (Nikki) Braden, Dustin (Harmony) Braden, Nicole VanderVeer, T.J. (Karen) Latcham, Lyndsey Brennan, and Miranda Brennan, and her 20 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Hospice for their warm and caring support for Patsy and her family and asks that any memorials be directed to Mahaska Health Partnership Hospice Serenity House.

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Revelation 21:4

Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 7, 2016, with the family present from 4 to 6 p.m. at Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at First Assembly of God in Oskaloosa, with Pastor Mike Dotson officiating. Interment of ashes will take place at a later time.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ I am so sorry to hear of "Grandma Pat's" passing. She was such a kind and joyful person. I still remember her gentle, soft voice and how patient she was with us, as children attending services at the Assembly of God in Oskaloosa. She was the first person to ever tell me that "Jesus loves you so much that He died on the cross for your sins." I was very young and didn't really understand what that meant, but I thought it must surely be good news because she seemed so happy and excited about it. I remember reading the bible with her and doing crafts. I always enjoyed her sweet presence. My heart goes out to the family. I'm so grateful to have known her, and I'm so glad to know that she is spending eternity with her Jesus. ❤️ -
-Sherri Morrow

Sherri Morrow - September 12, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ Patsy Ann Braden

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

HS

“ My wife and I want to express our heart-felt sympathy to LuVerne, Butch, Jeff, the grandchildren, as well as Pastor Mike and congregation of First Assembly and the hundreds of children that Grandma Pat touched through her years of service. It was our privilege to work hand-in-hand with Grandma Pat during our 20 years of ministry at Osky AG. Her family, her church and the Kingdom have suffered a great loss. Truly her heavenly reward is great.

Harold Schutte - October 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *She was a great lady always having a smile always willing to help out I will miss her but shes with our lord no doubt about that Bless you patsy you have reached the end to collect your rewards in heaven*

Robert Hubbell - October 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Many prayers and love to all the family. So many wonderful memories, especially when Pat and my mom, Mary Cook, took a birthday trip to North Dakota. They had so much fun visiting with my grandparents, relatives and neighbors; my mom still talks about them today. God bless all and comfort you with His abundance peace and love. Jane Cook*

Jane Cook - October 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*

Garland - October 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM