



Patricia "Pat" McCallister

August 20, 2023

Patricia "Pat" McCallister, 92, of Huntington, IN, died Sunday, August 20th in Bloomington, IN..

She was born June 1, 1931, in Union City, OH, to William and Nelli (Harding) Thornburg. She married Bob McCallister in 1953. Mrs. McCallister was a 1937 graduate of Union City, OH High School.

Pat is survived by two sons, Bruce (Rosemary King) McCallister and Bart (Rowena) McCallister; a daughter, Elizabeth (Steve) Ochs; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Graham.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bob McCallister; two sisters, Mable Simmons and Nina Hartzel; a brother Lloyd Thornburg; and son-in-law, Steve Ochs.

Pat met Bob McCallister on a blind date in Union City, OH. That date turned into 67 years of marriage. Their kindness and devotion to each other was a blessing for all who knew them.

Pat grew up on Wildcat Road in Darke County, Ohio where she acquired her remarkable baking skills from her mother. When you walked into Pat's house and smelled a pie fresh out of the oven or cookies cooling on the counter, you

knew you were in for a treat. Not only was Pat a great baker she had the greenest of thumbs. Her house was filled with African Violets, Iron Cross and Beefsteak begonias from which she propagated hundreds of starts that she loved to give away.

In addition to nurturing plants, Pat devoted her life to caring for her family, neighbors and anyone she came to know. If you entered her orbit, you would be cared for unconditionally and without judgment. Making others feel loved was her superpower. The love she packed into her 5 feet and 90 lb. frame was immeasurable. She could get the most out of life with very little. All it took was playing board games, being in nature and above all being with family.

The family would like to thank her caregivers, Deb Pressler and Jeannette Gage, whose dedicated caring allowed Bob and Pat to remain in their home for many years. We would also like to thank the staff at Monroe Place and Stonecroft in Bloomington.

A remembrance will be held Saturday, Sept 2nd, 2023, at 1 p.m. at First Brethren Church, 245 S. Marion Rd., Huntington, In.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Nature Conservatory or other organizations that work to preserve farmland.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Patricia "Pat" McCallister.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Brethren Church
245 South Marion Road
Huntington, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Jeannette G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia "Pat" McCallister.

Jeannette G. - September 01, 2023 at 08:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pat" McCallister.



August 31, 2023 at 06:25 PM



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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pat" McCallister.



August 28, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pat" McCallister.*



August 25, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ *Jeannette Gage lit a candle in memory of Patricia McCallister*



Jeannette Gage - August 24, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ *Beth, Bart and Bruce---I always enjoyed our family reunions and seeing all of you--some of my fondest childhood memories happened at Greenville Park. Your Mom was a sweetheart and a great cook--I know you have many wonderful memories to sustain you but it's always difficult to lose a parent. Thinking of you. Joy Harding Rogers*

Joy Rogers - August 24, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ *Debra Pressler lit a candle in memory of Patricia McCallister*



Debra Pressler - August 21, 2023 at 03:30 PM



My Mom, my best friend! Always in my heart ❤️!

Jeannette Gage - August 26, 2023 at 09:19 PM