



Mrs. Patricia Barr

May 7, 1936 - June 16, 2013

After an extremely courageous and lengthy battle with illness, Patricia passed away peacefully in her home in High River, Alberta at the age of 77 years. She is survived by her daughters, Laura Cooper of Vancouver, Roberta of New York City, and Kara (Sioux) of Calgary; mother Minnie Giebelhaus; brother Rodney; sister Joanne Bates, members of the Barr Family, as well as many extended family members. Patricia is predeceased by her adoring husband Gordon; father William; first husband Richard Cooper; brother Ronald and sister Wanda Rothe. Pat was born in Vegreville, Alberta and raised on a farm, from an early age demonstrated her keen interest in helping others, especially in caring for her younger twin sisters. She was determined to pursue her passion of having a career in nursing, and began her training at the Royal Alexandra Hospital College of Nursing in Edmonton. During this period she met Rick Cooper. In 1958, she graduated as a Registered Nurse moving swiftly into professional roles at the Charles Camsell Hospital, further developing her dedicated belief in advocacy for supportive, comprehensive patient care. In 1962, the young couple married and moved to Calgary to start a family. Pat always maintained a strong dedication to family activities and with her work at the Colonel Belcher Hospital in Calgary for over 20 years; she held various positions as a nursing supervisor, administrator, and later taught nursing skills to young students throughout the Calgary region until retirement. Pat was a very creative soul and enjoyed drawing, painting, ceramics, gardening, and bird watching. She was an excellent seamstress, both for

herself and her children, designing and assembling many costumes, along with Christmas stockings for multiple generations of family. After her gradual move into retirement, she met her loving companion Gordon and after a lengthy courtship they married in 2000, moving to the relaxed setting of High River. Pat loved to be physically active and was involved in tai-chi, cycling, a local hiking group, the Grandparent Reading Program in elementary schools, and enjoyed traveling with Gordon to Greece, Cuba and throughout Canada. Her steadfast positive outlook, graceful spirit, and elegant compassionate presence touched numerous lives. A special heartfelt thanks goes out to all of her health caregivers from the region. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The High River Hospital Foundation (590 9th Ave. SW, High River, AB, T1V 1B3 or The Calgary Foundation www.thecalgaryfoundation.org.

A Celebration of Pat's Life will be held on Friday, June 28th at 11:30 a.m. at the Okotoks United Church (43 Riverside Drive, Okotoks). To send condolences and view Pat's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com. Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Cemetery Details

Highwood Cemetery

High River, AB (CA)

Previous Events

Service

JUN **28**. 11:30 AM (MT)

Okotoks United Church
43 Riverside Drive
Box 507
Okotoks, AB T1S 1A7 (CA)
(403) 938-4357
<http://www.okotoksunitedchurch.com>

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Dear Roberta, Kara and family - I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing - my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family - my sincerest condolences.

Toni Barr

Toni Barr - September 22, 2013 at 01:23 AM

MH

“ Dear Roberta, Kara, and family,
Please pardon my tardiness in sending you my deepest sympathy. The last 2 months in High River have been all-consuming! I am so glad your Mom didn't have to deal with the flood!! I also would have attended her service but found out about her death after it was all over.

Your Mom was so special to me! We spent many hours together tending to her needs. Funny how I always came away from those visits feeling like I'd been the one tended to. No matter how tough things were for her, she always asked about my family and knew each one by name even though she'd never met them!! She was so strong, smart, and never lost her interest in people and the world around her. I will never forget her.

Both of you did your best in a tough situation. She was so proud of you and your achievements. Seems to me the apples didn't fall far from the tree! Wishing you comfort, strength and blessings,

Marilyn Hari, RN

Marilyn Hari - September 11, 2013 at 02:07 PM

KF

“ Roberta, Kara, and Sioux I have just become aware that Mom's service was held on Friday... My apologies for not finding out in time and being there to show my love and support. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Please contact me if I/we can provide any assistance to you Love Kimberly

kimberly fox-wagner - July 01, 2013 at 10:00 AM

AN

“ Kara and Roberta;
I am so very sorry for the loss of your dear mother Pat. She was like a 2nd mother to me while growing up. Jars of pickles, HUGE sandwiches and genuine love from her to me, but also all your friends. She was and will always be a beautiful and caring woman, and my 2nd Mom.

I am passing along deepest sympathies from my Mom (Donna Nelson), Father (Bill Nelson) and little brother Greg. Kim and I hope we can help in any way over the near future to make this a little easier on you all. Sioux, you have been there for Kara and most recently Roberta. I have not known you long, but I know you are doing all you can and being the strength that they need at this time. You helped Kara while her Mom was struggling and stood by her. I am sure I can speak for all her friends that we thank you for being her wall. Someone to lean on, someone to cry on and knowing Kara as I do, she will be the same for you should you need it.

Love you all and be strong, but don't forget to cry. Never a bad thing to cry sometimes! Especially you strong hearted/willed Cooper girls.
With love always!

Audra & Kim

Audra Nelson - June 28, 2013 at 11:03 AM

TC

“ Dear Kara and Sioux,
Suzette and I are thinking of you both lots during this difficult time. Sioux, your tremendous support to Kara and to her mom this past while has not gone unnoticed. Kara has drawn tremendous strength from you. Kara, as you know, I only had the pleasure of meeting your mom a couple of times, but I was very impressed by her nevertheless. Reading all these lovely tributes shows what a good person she was and how many people's lives she touched. I see many of these attributes that people are describing in you. Like your mom, you're a trooper, Kara! You're "Cooper the trooper" to me (and "coupe de ville," as well). We'll see you tomorrow at the celebration of your mother's life at High River United Church.
Love always, Tonya

Tonya Callaghan - June 27, 2013 at 09:08 PM

DH

“ Dear Kara and Family--
Wishing you everything you need to get through this incredibly difficult time. Please know that you are not alone. Your mom was an amazing woman. Strong, courageous and beautiful. You are in our thoughts. With love, Delona and the Hope Family

Delona Hope - June 27, 2013 at 05:02 PM

JO

“ Roberta and Kara, we are so sorry for your loss. Pat was an amazing woman. She will be truly missed. Our hearts, love and support go out to you. My your memories offer some comfort at this difficult time. With Love, Dale and Joelle

Joelle - June 27, 2013 at 07:23 AM

JO

“ *Joelle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Barr*



Joelle - June 27, 2013 at 07:20 AM

CG

“ *Roberta and Cara, it is with heavey heart that we share the loss of a spirited and lovely lady. Your mother was very lucky to have two special daughters in her life. I really got to spend more time with her since moving to High River after losing touch with her in Calgary. She always wanted me to keep her informed on how my family was doing. She trully was a sincere and loving person. May your strength and courage keep you both strong during this time of grief. Love your friend Charlene*

Charlene Gourlie - June 26, 2013 at 06:08 PM

JB

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Joanne Bates - June 25, 2013 at 11:26 PM

LG

“ Dear Roberta,
Sophie and I extend our heartfelt sympathies to you and Cara during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts. I am certain that your mum is at peace having received so much love and tenderness from you. Love from Leslie & Sophie.

Leslie Goldstein - June 25, 2013 at 10:50 PM

HT

“ Cara and Roberta we extend our heartfelt sympathy on the recent passing of your Mom, followed by the impact of the flooding. Our hearts go out to you both at this time. It is our sincerest prayer that you are safe, and that you will be met with an abundance of love and grace in the days to come. Your Mom was a beautiful, strong intelligent, and caring woman whose attributes are apparent in each of you. She was deeply loved by each and every one of us. The love and caring that we witnessed from each of you has touched, blessed and inspired our lives in ways that will forever be in our hearts. It was an honor to support Pat, Gord and your family. We witnessed tremendous acts of love, kindness, and grace over the years from each of you, Gord and those in the community who loved and supported Pat and yourselves. Our sincerest wish is that peace, love, and grace be with you now and all the days of your lives. Sincerely, the High River Homecare Team

High River Home Care Team - June 25, 2013 at 10:12 PM

RC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Roberta Cooper - June 25, 2013 at 02:07 PM

CM

“ Dear Roberta, you are in my thoughts. May you find strength and peace in your knowing that you loved her and you were loved.

Go on with her beautiful memory....

Bises,

Caroline

Caroline Malcolm - June 25, 2013 at 01:36 PM

AN

“ You had a loving mother Roberta, and I know how you loved her back. My thoughts are with you and your sister...

Andrea

Andrea - June 25, 2013 at 09:16 AM

KC

“ I am so lucky to have meet your mom and dad I am true bless to have been a part of. I will miss the chats that I had with your mom! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Hugs Kristi from Homecare!

kristi home care - June 23, 2013 at 09:47 PM

KF

“ Cara and Roberta My heart goes out to you! I loved your Mom with all my heart and am forever blessed by the gift that she was to my life I loved her beauty and her grace ...her smile and her quick wit I enjoyed being in her presence and the many conversations we shared over the years She had such deep love and admiration for you both The love and care that you showered Mom with has affected and inspired me in profound ways that I simply can not put into words She was so very proud of you! You are both in my heart and my thoughts and I am honoured to know you both Much LoveKimberly xo

Kimberly Fox-Wagner - June 23, 2013 at 08:52 PM

JB

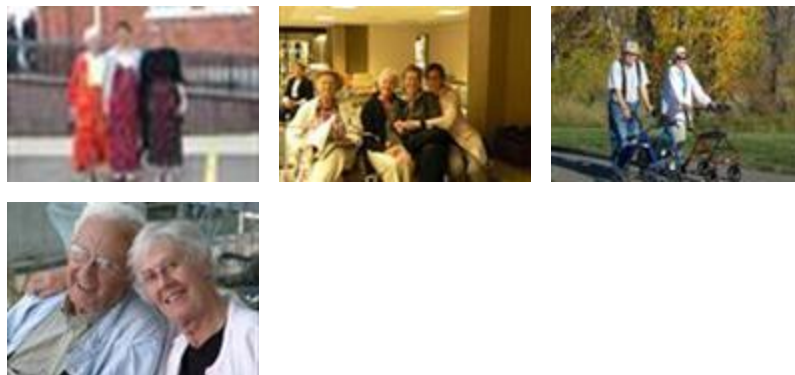
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J. Bates - June 23, 2013 at 05:24 PM

RC

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Roberta Cooper - June 23, 2013 at 12:50 AM

SJ

“ *Sister Joanne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Barr*



Sister Joanne - June 22, 2013 at 01:57 AM

MM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Patricia's passing, she was a lovely person,*
Maureen Macleod



Maureen Macleod - June 18, 2013 at 04:14 PM

GL

“ *Grace Ledoux lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Barr*



Grace Ledoux - June 17, 2013 at 09:50 AM

CC

“ *Cathy Couey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Barr*



Cathy Couey - June 17, 2013 at 09:21 AM

BP

“ So sorry to hear about Pat.I so enjoy having my visits with Pat.my prayers to all Pats family. Barb Pickering



Barb Pickering - June 17, 2013 at 07:53 AM