



Patricia Ruth (Chick) Sjogren

February 19, 1929 - December 19, 2019

Patricia Ruth (Chick) Sjogren of Cadillac died Thursday, December 19, 2019 at the Curry House Assisted Living in Cadillac. She was 90.

Pat was born February 19, 1929 in Highland Park, Michigan to Richard Armand and Alice Margaret (Flodquist) Chick.

While Pat was still a toddler, the family moved back to their hometown of Lake City where her father worked in a family business. Pat completed elementary school in Lake City. Her birth mother died when Pat was six years old. The young family, including her only sibling, Colleen, and her father moved in with her grandparents. Pat was a proud fourth generation member of Lake City's founding family, the Reeders. Her grandmother, Claribel Reeder Chick was the first child of European ancestry born in Lake City.

In 1942 after her father's marriage to Ann Carlson, the family moved to Cadillac where Pat entered the ninth grade at Cadillac High School. Following graduation in 1946, she attended Michigan State Normal College (Eastern Michigan University) and later transferred to Central Michigan College of Education (Central Michigan University) where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1951. She worked part time for the Cadillac Evening News.

On June 20, 1953 she married her Cadillac High School classmate, Cliff "Top" Sjogren. Frequent moves during the first few years of their marriage, led Pat to teaching positions in Lansing, Midland, Elberta, and Cadillac. The family settled in Ann Arbor in 1964. After her children were enrolled in school, Pat explored several new career paths. She worked at The University of Michigan Educational Research Information Center (ERIC) and the Women's Counseling Center, where she assisted women entering the workforce after being widowed or those coming from abusive environments. During that period, Pat earned a Specialist in Aging Certificate at the Institute of Gerontology and a Masters of Arts Degree in Education, both from the Uof M. She also did some substitute teaching and sold real estate for Coldwell Banker.

After her husband retired from the University of Michigan in 1988, the couple moved to Pasadena, California. Along with some volunteering, Pat was able to enjoy the warm California sunshine, shopping and socializing with many friends. The couple returned to Michigan in 1993 and began their retirement years at their lakeside home in Grand Traverse County. They returned to Cadillac in 2001.

Pat loved to travel by air, land and sea. She visited all 50 states and about 35 foreign countries in Europe, the Americas, and Asia. She particularly enjoyed Sweden where she was able to connect with both her and her husband's relatives.

Pat balanced her professional life and her family responsibilities with grace and resolve. Her children consider her one who loved unconditionally and made personal sacrifices so they could experience a very good life. They always appreciated that she was there to lend a nurturing smile, a kind word, and a warm embrace. She learned and passed along very important life lessons to them about healthy lifestyles and financial responsibility.

Pat is survived by her husband of 66 years; her four children: Stephen Jon (Martha Wood) Sjogren of St. Ignace, Janice Sue Sjogren of Michigan, Sue Ann (Stephen) Catterall, of Littleton, Colorado, Sigurd Franz (Nancy Corey) Sjogren of Milford; and grandchildren; Justin Jon (Heather) Wesley Franz, Andrew Clifford, Jacob Arthur, Peter Frans, Casey James, Claire Melissa, and William Thomas; sister-in-law Melissa Tornberg Sjogren, and several nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Colleen Margaret (Chick) Witbeck, and her brother-in-law, Sigurd Paul Sjogren.

The Sjogren family is deeply appreciative of the compassion and efficiency displayed by both the Memory Care unit and the Hospice of Michigan staff during Pat's lengthy residence at the Curry House in Cadillac.

Memorial services will be held 3:00 PM Sunday, December 22, 2019 at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Reverend Scott Torkko officiating. Friends may meet the family Saturday from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. Her final resting place will be Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

As a memorial to Pat, please consider a donation to the Charles Ardis Missaukee District Library, 210 South Canal Street, Lake City, MI 49651 or Hospice of Michigan, Cadillac.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

CF

“ I met Pat when she attended IB meetings with her husband Cliff. What a wonderful gracious lady! My most heartfelt condolences.

Carla Ferri-Blackmon - January 10, 2020 at 08:45 PM

PE

“ We did not know Pat, but having gotten to know Cliff in the last couple of years, we can only imagine what a wonderful person Pat was to her family, friends and community. Cadillac so fortunate to have Cliff and Pat as part of our community.

Peter and Heidi Eliot - December 24, 2019 at 07:40 AM

CS

“ Grandma was such a wonderful woman. She worked so hard to teach us all the important values in life. Now she is an angel at peace.

Claire Sjogren - December 23, 2019 at 06:26 AM

MH

“ Sounds like an amazing woman who lived a remarkable life making those around her better and loved. We mourn with you at her loss and pray you will experience our eternal Father's comfort during this time of loss.

Matt and Tricia Hicks - December 22, 2019 at 04:37 PM

DL

“ It was a joy to know Pat. She warmed us to tales of Lake City as we entered into new residents there making us sure that our move was the right one. She will be truly missed. Our thoughts are with Top and the rest of her family.

Dan Bowles Pat Loveday - December 21, 2019 at 10:03 AM

GG

“ To Cliff and family, Judith joins me in extending our deepest sympathy. We have many fond memories of Pat. The obituary captured all her wonderful qualities that had the chance to experience. May the memories of her wonderful life ease the pain of your loss.

George D Goodman - December 21, 2019 at 05:02 AM

HE

“ My heart is with the family as they remember the love and grace of Pat, and know that her kindness has touched many of us through the years. I shall always cherish the time we had together and remember her smile, humanity, and open heart. May each of you know that you are being thought of today and through the next weeks as you grieve your loss.

Helen Erickson - December 20, 2019 at 05:16 PM

CC

“ What a terrific lady and very sorry for your loss. My the lord bless and comfort the Sjogren family at this time.

Chris and Holly Carper - December 20, 2019 at 11:43 AM

RM

“ *Your mother was an amazing person and lived an amazing life. May God comfort you and your family during this difficult time. Sig my prayers are with you. Gods bless.*

Rod & Angie Means - December 20, 2019 at 11:37 AM

MG

“ *What a beautiful testimony. An angle on earth has now returned home. May our Lord God comfort the Sjogren family.*

Mike & Jeanne Marie Galloway - December 20, 2019 at 08:39 AM

MR

“ *May the blessed lord love and keep Pat, and wrap his loving arms around the entire Sjogren family.*

Mark and Miriam Rogers - December 20, 2019 at 06:42 AM