



Patricia Jo Anderson "Pat" Waldren

September 16, 1935 - November 28, 2020

Patricia Jo Anderson "Pat" Waldren, age 85, of Fayetteville passed away on November 28, 2020. Pat was born in Fayetteville to Jesse and Jo Anderson on September 16, 1935. She was preceded in death by her parents and dear friends Mary Heflin, Mona Holt and LaWanda Waltman.

Pat is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Pam Waldren, of Fayetteville; granddaughter Eve Reecer (Baxter) of Salt Lake City, Utah; grandson Drew Waldren of Fayetteville. Sister Mary Weisz and nephew Randy Porter (Sharon) of California, nephew Mike Porter of Texas and many cousins.

Other survivors include her very dear friends, Shirley May, Susan Hunt, Suzie Jenkins, Jo Marr, Susie Stewart, Patsy Williford, Faye Jones, Frances Ross, Alice Fletcher and Denise May.

A product of the Fayetteville Public Schools Pat developed a life-long interest in politics after serving as a delegate and then later as a counselor to Arkansas Girls State.

Pat received her Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Arkansas and taught for over 40 years in Fayetteville, first at Root Elementary and later in her career at Holt Middle School. Pat was dedicated to her students and the teaching profession and worked diligently for many years toward the improvement of both. Pat was a member of the Fayetteville Education Association, Arkansas Education Association, and National Education Association. Pat served as FEA president for four years and during that time was a member of the organizing committee for what would become the Fayetteville Public Schools Education Foundation.

The family would like to thank Katherine's Place for their care.

Per Pat's wishes no services are planned. Cremation is under the direction of Moore's Chapel.

To sign an online guestbook, visit <http://www.mooresfuneralchapel.com>.

Comments



“ Mrs. Waldren was my 6th grade teacher at Root - many years ago. She was amazing. She knew how to reach and teach all of us and I still remember the amazing books we would read and her compassion for students and their education. I send you all my deepest sympathies. Robin (Hall) Guadagnini

Robin Guadagnini - December 23, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ Pat taught all 3 of my children. She was a great teacher and they all loved her and so did I. Her smile was simply glorious. Thank God for this wonderful woman.
Anita Phillips

Anita Greer Phillips - December 07, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ Pat was a wonderful friend and fellow teacher at Root Elementary. I enjoyed her warm personality and friendship both in school as well as our everyday lives. She was a very good teacher and will be missed by her former students as well as friends.
Pat Harrison

Pat Harrison - December 06, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ Lynn, I was sad to hear about the death of your mother. She was one of my favorite teachers, who I figured would go easy on me in 6th grade, but she didn't! I think I learned more that year than any other year of school, not just the school stuff but how to deal with other students and assess unexpected situations. And I loved her laugh. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family.

Charlie Alison - December 01, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ Lynn and Pam. We are so very sorry for your loss. The entire Hignite family loves you very much. I love reading the school stories about your Mom.

Marjay

Marjay Hignite - December 01, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ All of my children went to Root and we loved Pat. I was blessed to teach with her as well at Root for two years. She was a kind and caring teacher to all of her students.
Cynthia Covey

Cynthia K Covey - December 01, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Pat Waldren. Pat was very influential during my early years as an educator. She mentored me on leadership and professional skills. I have always thought about her while driving North Street past the house she lived in. She will always be remembered. Her impact will live on.

Lorie Huff

Lorie Huff - December 01, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ When I had to stay home with my husband, Mr Mason, our principal at Holt, called Pat and asked her to fill in for me from spring break on. Pat told me just give her a few days of lesson plans and she would roll with rest of the time. My husband died in early May and I did not want to disturb that great learning that was going on and she finished the year. She was one of a kind.

Janice Ferguson - December 01, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Pat was a wonderful teacher, loved by all her students and those who worked with her. She made a positive difference in the world one person at a time. Our love and prayers are with her family, we feel your loss and remember Pat with love.

Dawn Norman - December 01, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ I was part of her lunch group and have enjoyed her spirit and forthright discussions. She was generous to invite my husband and me to the U of A women’s basketball games. I learned so much about basketball as she gave play by play descriptions. A real sports fan. She will be missed so much.

Suzie Jenkins - November 30, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ Ms. Waldren was my 6th Grade teacher, I remember her fondly. Thoughts, prayers, blessings and love to the family!

Bo Bittle - November 30, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ Pam and Lynn, I am very sorry to hear of your mother’s passing! You are in my prayers.

Debbie Phillips Stewart

debbie stewart - November 30, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ Pat was one of our daughter’s favorite teachers and, as a parent and educator, I appreciated her insights and professionalism. She was an excellent teacher who made a real difference in students’ lives.

Susan Riggs - November 30, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ Lynn, I am sorry to hear of your mom's passing. What a great life she lived. I vividly remember coming to your house as a kid and how fun and welcoming she made us each feel. Blessings and love! Rob Hunt

Rob Hunt - November 30, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ Lynn—I’m so sorry for the loss of your mom! She was a special person and affected so many of us as a wonderful and caring teacher! My thoughts are with you and your family.

Sandy Yates Rainey

Sandy Yates Rainey - November 30, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ I’ve lost a very dear friend, and I will miss our weekly phone calls. Pat & I met as students at University of Arkansas, and we have been friends socially and as colleagues with Fayetteville Public Schools. Pat was our trusted driver when our traveling group hit the road, after we retired. I will treasure our memories, and will miss you, Pat.

Shirley & Dean May - November 30, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ Prayers for the family .

lajoyce heflin duncan - November 30, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ Lynn and Pam, I am so sorry for your loss. I first loved Pat (Mrs. Waldren) as my 6th grade reading teacher and then later as a co-worker at Root and a friend. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Karen Rosso

Karen Rosso - November 30, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ All 3 of my girls had pat waldren

She was a wonderful motivating teacher

She will be truly missed but her legacy will live on in her hundreds of student and coworkers

Andrea Linebaugh

Andrea W Linebaugh - December 02, 2020 at 02:23 AM



“ Lynn, Pam and family, we were so sorry to hear of the loss of Pat. What a lovely person, who will be missed. We so enjoyed sitting with her at Razorback Baseball games. Our friendship grew with lots of laughter, cheering and Pat’s encouraging “be a Hero”. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jean and Stephanie Neuberger

Neuberger - December 04, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Lynn, from all who knew you at UCA comes this sincere expression of sympathy in the passing of your mother. The obituary is just a glimpse of her life, but it was obvious she had a servant's heart and lived to serve others, a beautiful legacy. May she rest in peace.
-- Jim Schneider, Conway

Jim Schneider - November 30, 2020 at 09:09 AM