



Kathryn Patricia Harper Dunfee

March 12, 1941 - October 27, 2024

Patsy Dunfee passed away Sunday, October 27, 2024, peacefully, in the comfort of her home. She was born in Butte March 12, 1941 to Joe and Anne Harper. She spent 79 of her years in a 2 house radius on the 1000 block of Wyoming Street. She attended Saint Joe's school through eighth grade and was still in contact and attending dinners with her 8th grade class. She graduated from Butte High School in 1959 and then began her first job at the telephone company, where she worked until she became a mother. Patsy was never one to shy away from hard work; as one of her favorite things was shoveling snow. She was always shoveling not only her sidewalks but several of her neighbors; something she continued even after moving to her cottage at the Springs. Another one of her favorite things, when she was younger was working on the combine during potato harvest season. She had many fond memories of those days. Patsy married Terry Dunfee, and they had two children. They later divorced. Together they started the Montana Power Credit Union, now NWE Employees Credit Union. Patsy remained at the credit union until her retirement as manager in 2002. Some of her favorite pastimes were camping, fishing, waterskiing, volleyball, and bowling. Retirement did not slow her down in the slightest. For a little while, she delivered flowers, with her general cheer and very sincere, "And how are you?" to all those she encountered in that position. She also thoroughly enjoyed growing as many flowers as she could and her yard was always a spectacular display of colors.

She surprised her family when she decided she was moving to a cottage at the Springs. When new people would move in and ask her if she liked it, she always replied "No...I LOVE it! She met many dear friends there, who also got to enjoy her beautiful flowers which she continued planting in as many places and pots as she could. Her little dog Gretchen moved with her to her cottage and they were a well known duo. She often said people knew her as "Gretchen's mom".

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Joanne who she cherished, numerous aunts and uncles who were very dear to her, her best friend Mary Kay Craig, and most recently, Gretchen. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Joanne and Ralph Warnstrom of Butte, son and daughter-in-law Shaun and Treasur Dunfee of Richland Washington. Grandchildren, Annie (Hugh) Daniels, Marisa and Austin Dunfee. Great grandchildren, Will and Letti Daniels.

Cremation has taken place. Friends may call Monday morning at St. Ann Catholic Church beginning at 10 o'clock. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 o'clock and interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. A reception will follow in St. Ann's Parish Hall. Memorials in her memory may be made to the Chelsea Bailey Animal Shelter.

Throughout her life Patsy was a most integral part to her family as a daughter, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. We will miss her funny stories and her busting out her dance moves if a good song came on. We love you mom, Grandma, Pastine, GG. Toodle Ooo Magoo!

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

4700 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (MT)

St Ann's Catholic Church
2100 Farragut Ave
Butte, MT 59701-6102
(406) 723-4303

Tribute Wall

LP

“ Joann, I am so, so sorry. A few minutes ago I was reading the Butte Weekly and saw the announcement. I would have been at her funeral. We had some fun times together back in the day! She looked great the day I saw you at Paper Cranes. She was a very strong woman! With love, Lori Paull

Lori Paull - November 23, 2024 at 12:07 AM

DA

“ Joann you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!

Debra Acebedo - November 03, 2024 at 12:57 PM

CD

“ JoAnn and family, we are do very sorry about the passing of your Mom. She was a wonderful person, always positive and happy. Never seen her without a smile on her face. Sending prayers gor peace and healing. God Bless you all !

Connie Dotson - November 02, 2024 at 09:43 PM

TC

“ So many good memories of Patsy! She was the ultimate good neighbor and a force for fun. I grew up on stories of the adventures she and my aunt Mary Kay made together in the neighborhood - they were the original BFFs! Their friendship was over the decades was truly a Blessing in a well lived life.

I shared some giggles with Patsy last August at The Springs. I have my own memories with Patsy - like the time she found my trapped dog on her way to Mass at St. Joe's or Zydeco dancing at Folk Fest. And she definitely had the knack with dogs - and flowers. Joanne, Shaun, Annie & families may Patsy's memory always be a Blessing to you!

Theresa Craig - November 02, 2024 at 08:01 PM

KL

“ Kathy Coughlin & Denise LeDuc purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathryn Patricia Harper Dunfee.



Kathy Coughlin & Denise LeDuc - November 02, 2024 at 01:54 PM

GD

“ Dearest Patsy, we had such good times together when we were younger. You were a wonderful person and sister-in-law. We were lucky to have you in our lives. RIP my dear friend! To Joanne, Shaun and families, may your memories hold her forever in your heart.

Gino Dunfee - November 02, 2024 at 01:51 PM

GD

“ I remember Patsy as a delightful, strong, kind and caring person. What I remember most is how she showed her deep LOVE for her children. I am sure that love carried on to her grandchildren. Rest in Peace and know that you contributed to the world wonderful children. You were a terrific mom. I am sure you are looking down on your family and keeping watch over them. It was a pleasure knowing you.

Georgia Dunfee

Georgia A Dunfee - November 02, 2024 at 12:44 PM

RB

“ Patsy, I will miss you so much! You were a great neighbor for me when I moved to Butte to work at the Standard. Your hilarious Butte stories about growing up in the neighborhood kept me laughing. You, Gretchen and Kramer were so welcoming to me. Even when I went home for lunch, Gretch and Kramer greeted me uproariously at the gate like a long-lost friend. Thank you for loving my cocker spaniel, Lady, and for welcoming her into your beautiful flower-filled yard. I hope you're telling stories with your good friend Mary Kay right now, 'cuz you two together kept me in stitches. Joanne and family -- my heart is with you, as I'll never forget Patsy welcoming me into the fold when I entered the unique world that is Butte. I realized her strength, resilience and true character when I saw her shoveling deep snow in front of the house (I rented the bottom unit in the home she grew up in), so I threw on my winter coat and joined her. Patsy was intrepid and cared about her neighbors. I heard so many wonderful stories about her grandchildren; she texted me photos of them and she gave me great pep talks whenever I needed them. She brought me a care package when I had a serious health problem. There will never be another Patsy, so I pray that she's found nothing but beauty and love on the other side. Thinking of you, Joanne and Family. Love, Renata Birkenbuel

Renata Birkenbuel - October 31, 2024 at 03:40 PM

PM

I was fortunate to work with Patsy in my first position with Mountain Bell's Directory Department. She was warm, smart and funny, and a real pleasure to work with. Over the years as we encountered each other she was the same delightful person, still the same warmth and wonderful sense of humor. Rest well, dear Patsy. It was my privilege to have known you. 💖

Pepper Miles - November 01, 2024 at 07:29 PM

LM

I had the privilege of working for Patsy for many years at the credit union. She was a strong and driven person. I learned a ton from her. Her work ethic was outstanding. Patsy was so proud of her family. Hoping the beautiful memories of this special lady help her family during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with all of them.

Lori matich - November 02, 2024 at 10:56 AM

YT

“ Yohanan and Teri purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Kathryn Patricia Harper Dunfee.



Yohanan and Teri - October 31, 2024 at 02:04 AM

YT

“ Yohanan and Teri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Patricia Harper Dunfee.

Yohanan and Teri - October 31, 2024 at 02:04 AM

LD

“ We will miss you Patsy, especially our long phone conversations and laughs. You were an amazing family member and friend. Nana Dunfee thought the world of you. RIP and God Bless. xoxoxo, Lynn & Dennis

Lynn Doherty - October 31, 2024 at 01:07 AM



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Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - October 30, 2024 at 09:49 PM