



Patricia Ann "Pat" Searle

September 22, 1929 - January 17, 2023

Patricia "Pat" Ann Searle passed away on January 17th, 2023 in her hometown of Butte, Montana. She was born in Butte on September 22nd, 1929 to Elizabeth Thompson.

Pat was raised in Helena, where she attended Helena High School. From there, she went on to receive both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Elementary Education at Western Montana College in Dillon, MT where her love for teaching began.

Pat met her husband of 50 years, Fred Searle, while attending Western. Following graduation, they moved to Canyonville, OR where they both took their first teaching jobs. They eventually moved back to Butte and Pat's lifelong teaching journey flourished. Pat initially took a job within the Ramsay school district. A couple of years later she transferred to the Hawthorne School where she spent the majority of her teaching career. When the Hawthorne School closed, Pat transferred to Kennedy Elementary School and it was there that she finished out her 42-year teaching career. It was rare to go out in Butte and the surrounding communities without someone coming up to her saying, "Mrs. Searle, you were my 2nd grade teacher!" or "you were the best teacher!". She never forgot a single student, their families, or specific memories she had with each and every one of them. Pat made a remarkable impact on a countless number of lives throughout her teaching career and well beyond that into her retirement years.

Aside from her love for teaching, Pat was very involved throughout the

community. She was part of many organizations including: St. Johns Episcopal Church alter guild, Delta Kappa Gamma, Retired Teachers, numerous pinochle groups, and knitting groups. She was always up for anything and the first one to jump in the car for a trip.

Pat lived a life of love and was an extraordinary wife, mom, grandma, great-grandma- "GG", and friend. She had so much love to give and was as loyal as they come. Pat took anyone and everyone under her wings and provided a shoulder to lean on when needed. In her later years, Pat cherished the time spent with her great grandchildren and she did not miss a single event that involved her "boys". She was famous for saying "you can't spoil a good thing" and she successfully lived by that saying. Her favorite time of year was undoubtedly Christmas, and she was blessed to be able to spend her final holiday surrounded by family. Pat will be missed by many, but her legacy will continue to live on through those she loved and those whose lives she touched.

Pat is preceded in death by her mom, Elizabeth Thompson; husband, Fred Searle; and grandson, Shawn Searle. She is survived by her son David (Barbara) Searle; daughter Judy (Tom) Kiely; granddaughter Nicole (Cole) Salo and their three boys Cade, Clay, & Cason; grandson David (Beth) Knoepke and their 7 children (Will, Abi, Sam, Eben, Gabe, Nathan & Becky); granddaughter Jennifer (Scott) Anderson and their son Justin; niece Susie (Max) Decker.

Pat's celebration of life will be held on Friday, January 27th at St. John's Episcopal Church at 11 a.m. with visitations beginning at 10 a.m. A luncheon will follow at the Butte Country Club.

Donations can be made in memory of Pat to the Fred G. Searle Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship at Montana Tech.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

3910 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 27. 11:00 AM.

St. John'S Episcopal Church

Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Judy and family, so sorry to hear about Pat. She was the queen and last of the original Locust Street neighborhood. She will be missed. God Bless. The Mclaughlins.*

Ray Mclaughlin - January 26, 2023 at 09:43 PM

GA

“ *Condolences to Dave Searle and family. Thinking of you, and remembering your Dad as a Jr. High Teacher, and you as a Jr. High, High School and Montana Tech classmate.*

Gary Aho - Conroe, TX

Gary Aho - January 25, 2023 at 01:15 AM



“ *Janice Muniz lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann "Pat" Searle*



Janice Muniz - January 24, 2023 at 11:03 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to Pat's family & friends. She was such a beautiful soul and loved everyone she ever met. Fred is waiting with open arms for her and together they will be watching over the family with so much love & pride. Rest in peace sweet lady. (((hugs)))*
Janice Clark Muniz

Janice Muniz - January 24, 2023 at 11:02 PM

EK

“ Edward and Maureen Kiely purchased the Laven der Reflections Spray for the family of Patricia Ann "Pat" Searle.



Edward and Maureen Kiely - January 24, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann "Pat" Searle.



January 24, 2023 at 10:08 AM

DC

“ Judy, I too am mourning the loss of our dear Par. She will be missed and she was a force of nature. I am laid up with a bad hip so I may not be at her service, but you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Deirdre Caughlan

Deirdre Caughlan - January 24, 2023 at 12:36 AM



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Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - January 23, 2023 at 01:00 PM