



Patricia Lynn Clay

December 29, 1950 - December 29, 2024

Patricia Lynn Clay, 74, of Searcy, Ark., peacefully passed away on December 29, 2024, after a long battle with cancer, with her loving husband of 47 years by her side. Pat was born on December 29, 1950, in Enid, Okla., to Albert and Audria Howe. How special it is that she was able to pass from this earth to her heavenly home on the same day she came into the world.

Pat grew up in a military household and was the oldest of four daughters. After high school, Pat moved to Searcy to attend Harding University. It was while living in Searcy that she met Randy. In 1977, Pat and Randy were married in a small ceremony at his parents' house. They welcomed their one and only child, Amy, in 1980. Pat spent the majority of her days working as a lab and x-ray technician at the Joseph Clinic and later for Unity Health. Pat enjoyed her job and the people she worked with daily, both coworkers and patients. Upon retirement, Pat and Randy enjoyed traveling and going on cruises with friends. Pat attended Cloverdale Church of Christ where she made many life-long friends who had a bi-weekly breakfast group to which she always loved going. The support of these friends was unwavering in her final days. Pat loved reading and tried to instill that same love in her daughter and grandkids by always giving Barnes and Noble gift cards for birthdays and Christmas. More than just about anything, Pat loved being a Nana, and she was the absolute best Nana. Just ask her grandkids. One thing Pat always made sure to say when times were tough was "this too shall pass." While this

phrase may have annoyed her daughter at times, it now provides comfort in this phase of life. Pat always made sure those she loved knew how she felt and never ended a conversation or visit without saying "I love you."

Pat is survived by her husband, Randy Clay, of Searcy; daughter Amy Swift (Matt) of Bentonville; three grandchildren, Andrew Parnell, Ava Parnell, and JJ Swift, all of Bentonville; three sisters, Peggy Buckley of Mobile, Ala., Paula Fontenot (Mike) of Fort Gibson, Okla., and Phyllis Randolph (Rob) of Tallahassee, Fla.; 13 nieces and nephews; and 23 great nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Albert & Audria Howe, in-laws Carrol & Frances Clay, and two brothers-in-law, Larry Roberson & Dan Buckley. The family would like to thank the Arkansas Hospice family, especially Renee and Keilee. In lieu of flowers, gifts of love in her honor are welcomed anywhere, but especially Cloverdale Church of Christ. Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2025, at Cloverdale Church of Christ in Searcy, Ark.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cloverdale Church of Christ
3000 East Park Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia Lynn Clay



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 02, 2025 at 12:16 PM

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“ our sincere condolences to Randy and family. Robert & Angela West



Robert West - January 01, 2025 at 10:55 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Patricia Lynn Clay.



January 01, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia Lynn Clay.

January 01, 2025 at 08:19 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Pat. She was a wonderful, beautiful person inside and out. She will be missed by many. She was also a very loving cousin. David and Margaret Bush



Margaret Bush - January 01, 2025 at 08:06 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia Lynn Clay.

January 01, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Lynn Clay.



January 01, 2025 at 12:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia Lynn Clay.

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“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Lynn Clay.*



December 31, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia Lynn Clay.

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“ *Pat was the oldest and I was the youngest of the 4 P's. I used to make the trip to Searcy to stay with Pat every chance I got. By greyhound and then, once I was old enough to drive, by car. Some of my favorite memories were times spent in Searcy with her.*

phyllis Randolph - December 31, 2024 at 02:44 PM



Randy Im Sorry for your loss God Bless

Donnie Stevens - December 31, 2024 at 09:12 PM