



Patricia "Patty Ruth" McKinley

May 20, 1949 - September 15, 2024

Patricia "Patty Ruth" McKinley, 75, of Alburdis, passed away peacefully, Sunday, September 15, 2024, after a short illness.

She graduated from William Allen High School, attended Penn State University, and later graduated from Cedar Crest College. She worked for Hess's in both retail & the distribution center, and later worked at SKF Bearings until she retired.

She was an avid seamstress and actress which carried over to her love of local theater, often wearing costumes she sewed for herself & other cast members. She has appeared in multiple Cedar Crest and Munopco Theatrical Productions. She was also a gifted baker, crafter, and singer-having sung at many local wedding ceremonies. After retiring, Patty volunteered at the Miller Blood Center canteen. She was an active member of Calvary Bible Fellowship Church in Coopersburg.

She is survived by her daughter Christine Muller, wife of Robert; granddaughter Gwendolyn the "light of her life"; brother, Steven McKinley; sisters, Judi Brucker, wife of William, Rita Keiper wife of Richard, and Marcia Otter wife of Tony Seigafuse. She was predeceased by her sister, JoAnn Mullen and her husband James.

Services will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, September 28th at Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, 6782 North Main Street, Coopersburg. A visitation will precede the service from 9:30-11:00 AM at the church.

In lieu of flowers, in Patty's remembrance, please support your local theater productions or donate a pint to the Miller Keystone Blood Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Bible Fellowship Church
6782 North Main Street
Coopersburg, PA 18036

Service

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Tribute Wall

ST

“ *Patty was my cousin and I'll always remember her for beautiful voice and uplifting spirit. She sang at my Mother's funeral, Elaine McKinley Thomae, and her rendition of "Amazing Grace" will forever be with me. My hugs and condolences go out to her daughter, Christine, and siblings Steve and Judy.*

Susan Thomae - May 09, 2025 at 05:38 PM

BO

“ *Dear Christine, I don't know if you remember me but your mom was a co worker with me at Hess's for many years in shipping and receiving, and she was also my son's God mother. I moved to VA in 2006 and lost contact with her over the years but often thought of her. I'm so sorry for your loss, I loved her so much, she was a amazing person and I'm thankful that I knew her.*

God Bless

Beth Oberman

Beth Oberman - September 22, 2024 at 02:42 PM

CM

Thank you for these kind words. I am so glad she was a part of your life.

Christine Muller - September 30, 2024 at 10:52 PM

BS

“ *To PR's family my sincerest sympathy to you and I ask the Lord to hold through this most difficult time. I worked with PR at SKF for years and she was always a very pleasant person and always with a smile. I know Jesus has welcomed her with open arms.*


Ben Stefanavage - September 19, 2024 at 08:00 PM

CM

Thank you.

Christine Muller - September 30, 2024 at 10:53 PM

DY

“ *Patty Ruth had a big heart and the voice of an angel. What a wonderful memory she made for both of us on our trip to Ireland, singing her way from one county to the next. She was a great pleasure to everyone on the coach we traveled on. Rest in peace friend* 

Debi Yoder - September 18, 2024 at 11:11 AM

CM

I found a bunch of pics from that trip. So glad she was a part of your life.

Christine Muller - September 30, 2024 at 10:53 PM

NM

“ *PR, my friend, Leesport buddy, don't sweat the small stuff , Christian "sissy". May you be dancing with the angels, singing Broadway tunes, preparing a bagel brunch for the Angels. Not to mention sending "relic" cards from the 50's, and planting pansies in a heavenly garden. I'm blessed and honored to have shared "earth" with you, and bid Godspeed more recently. Xoxo Miss Nancy (Naivcy to you!)*

Nancy Miller - September 17, 2024 at 04:54 PM

EQ

“ Very sad to hear of PR's passing. I worked with her for many years at SKF. She always had a smile and willingness to brighten the day. I asked her to sing at several fundraising events and she brought the house down and looked fabulous each time! Her love of family and the lord was admired. Rest in peace. - E. Quinlan

Ed Quinlan - September 17, 2024 at 10:04 AM

BL

I worked with her for many years she was always kind and caring and there was nothing she would not do for anyone. PR loved to bake and shared her recipes. Rest in peace. B Long

Barbara Long - September 17, 2024 at 11:56 AM

DR

What a gal! Heaven has gained a shining star.

Darlene Ruark - September 18, 2024 at 07:41 AM

DK

I worked with PR at SKF for many years. I was blessed to have her as my friend. There will never be another like her. PR was a talented, vibrant woman who extended kindness and grace to everyone. I know she is making "joyful noise" in Heaven. Diana Kinyon

Diana Kinyon - September 22, 2024 at 07:57 AM

CM

I am so glad her voice and personality were a part of SKF functions!

Christine Muller - September 30, 2024 at 10:54 PM