



Patricia A. Payne

March 28, 1940 - February 9, 2023

Patricia Ann Payne passed unexpectedly on February 9, 2023 with her son and daughter by her side. Patty was born on March 28, 1940 to the late Marion and Hazel (Dubetz) Wildman. She is survived by her children Mark (Sally) Payne and Marcia (Otto) Schmidt; grandchildren Bryan, Laura and Aaron Payne, Allison (Aaron) Smith, Brittany, Courtney and Danielle Schmidt; great grandchildren Amelia and Avery Smith. Patty is also survived by her sister Dorothy (David) Arms, niece Nancy (Bob) Maisenholder and nephews David and Jeffrey Arms. She also had a large family of loving cousins, friends, and neighbors. Patty was very proud of her children and grandchildren and relished in making sure they were well attired at special occasions, insisting that they go shopping to get the perfect outfit and accessories. The grandchildren loved their Nana, often spending the night as children and getting properly spoiled.

Patty was a proud graduate of Columbus North High School class of 1958. She enjoyed attending reunions and “North on the Fourth” and maintained relationships with many of her high school friends, including her dear friend Brenda, her best friend since second grade.

Patty worked in public service for the state of Ohio for 33 years, primarily in the Ohio Attorney General’s office as an Environmental Enforcement Liaison Officer. She took great pride in her work, traveling all over the state, serving

warrants (she was fearless), speaking often with local community groups and helping them to address their environmental concerns. She was awarded the inaugural Outstanding Public Service Award in 2014. She made many friends and had many loyal supporters in the AG's office.

Patty lived in the same house in Clintonville for 54 years and made many friends, including great friend Sue, who was there when she moved in. She absolutely loved to talk and whiled away many hours, whether face to face or on the phone, solving the problems of the world. Patty enjoyed working in her beautiful yard, shopping and was an excellent and adventurous cook. Her happiest times were when her table was filled with family, friends and neighbors enjoying one of her delicious meals.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, February 24th from 2-4 PM at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street in Worthington. A funeral service will follow at 4:00. Burial will be the following morning at 10 AM at Walnut Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to World Central Kitchen at wck.org.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Grove Cemetery

5561 Milton Ave.
Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 885-5033

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Funeral Service

FEB 24. 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 885-4006
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Graveside Service

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AW

“ To the family of Patty, we were very sorry to hear about Patty. I worked with Patty at the Attorney General’s Office many years ago. She was very dedicated and had a “can do” attitude, coupled with a great sense of humor. These traits made it fun and rewarding to work with Patty. Just by talking with her you could tell that she took great pride in her work and her family. She was a very special person and a dedicated public servant.

Adam Wagenbach

Adam Wagenbach - March 24, 2023 at 09:05 AM

MH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Patty's passing. We lived on the circle (right across the street) and later within the general neighborhood until 2018 and cared about her very much. Our condolences to your family and I'm so glad she was surrounded by love at the end.



Mia S Hall - March 06, 2023 at 11:02 AM

FJ

“ To the family of Patty Payne,
I had the great privilege to work with Patty from 1999 until December, 2002 when I was the section chief of the Environmental Enforcement Section of the Ohio Attorney General's office. Patty took her job very seriously. She was tremendously dedicated to the citizens of Ohio and to her fellow employees of the section. Patty had a caring way about her which was infectious. And she was fiercely loyal to each and every one of the Attorneys General of Ohio under which she served. What a great picture and obituary. I know Patty would appreciate it. My deepest sympathies to each of you. Frank J. Reed, Jr.

Frank Reed, Jr. - February 22, 2023 at 12:45 PM

MH

“ Dear Mark & Marcia,

I am so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. Patty and I worked together for nearly 10 years and became friends. I have many fond memories of her, and know that family was more important to her than anything. God bless and comfort you at this difficult time.

Mary Hansen

Mary Hansen - February 22, 2023 at 10:40 AM

MS

“ Patty was a dear long time friend. I will miss her greatly! Lynn Steele

Madeleine (Lynn) White Steele - February 21, 2023 at 08:23 PM

SW

“ *Mark and Marsha*

You probably do not remember me but I worked with your mother both in the SOS and AG offices. For a number of years we co-coordinated the holiday card mailing program , trying to keep the lists of hundreds of Celebrezze supporters accurate and up-to-day, so that they received their holiday greetings on time. Your mother had a keen eye for accuracy and saved my bacon numerous times. Patty was a great cook and a superb hostess, having me and other office mates over for dinner many, many times. Thru that office friendship I had the pleasure to meet both of your grandparents and watch your grandpa paddle boarding on the lake. He tried to teach me, but I failed. Patty spoke of the two of you often and was so proud of your accomplishments, thrilled to have a daughter-in-law and a son-in-law; and, ecstatic to become a grandmother. Her devotion to family was inspirational. Even though we lost touch over time, I considered Patty a friend and I am so sorry to hear of her passing.

Unfortunately, I am out of state babysitting and entertaining my two year old great nephew so will not be able to pay my respects to you and your families in person. But, I know that Patty would understand what we all do for our family.

Because she did it so well - day in and day out.

Stephanie Whitis.

stephanie whitis - February 21, 2023 at 08:23 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Payne.*



February 17, 2023 at 03:35 PM