



Patricia Joyce Renfro

August 24, 1936 - November 11, 2023

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“Gma or Grandma Pat”

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Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Richard (Dick) and Fern Pressly, her sister Carol Meredith, her favorite brother-in-law Dick Meredith and her beautiful stepdaughter Vana Beckenhauer.

She is survived by her loving and adoring Prince Charming (her husband Jack), the love of her life! She is also survived by her children, Rob Perry (Nikki), Kathy Campas, Carolyn Gregory (Jeff) and her loving niece Becky Meredith Rippa (Mike). Her stepchildren, Kathy Foley, Carol Rowan (Ray) and Rick Perry (Staci).

Her Grandchildren Anthony Perry (Holly), Nicolas Perry, Robbie Perry (Ashley), Alyssa Borrilez (Gary), Kristina Wall (Justin), McKenna Gregory, Rachel Beckenhauer, Amanda Beckenhauer (Joaquin), Justin Foley (Kristen), Nicole Demmon (Byron) and Danielle Demmon (Geoff).

Her Great-Grandchildren Niko Perry, Olivia Perry, Nick Perry, Ella Georgetti, Mariah Borrilez, Viviana Borrilez, Camden Wall, Ariela Beckenhauer, Phoenix Moran, Indali Moran, Leona Dill, and Everette Glidden.

Pat passed peacefully in her home, winning her long battle with Dementia. She was born in Kansas City, Mo. They moved out West and ended up in Benicia. She lived her life in Benicia and Vallejo where she built a lifetime of dear friends. She and Norma Sharon met on the bus and have been BFF's ever since.

She had a long and distinguished career with Solano County Mental Health where her kindness and empathy touched so many. She also gave of herself by volunteering. In her earlier years she was very active as a March of Dimes/Mothers March President and after retiring she ran a men's group at the Fairfield Jail where she loved to tell her guys, “I give hugs and kick ass! What will it be?” She had many “pearls of wisdom” that she shared very generously.

For the last 45 years, she and Jack have been rocking the “Courts” as in Carlisle Court and Drolette Court. Both courts had the BEST neighbors who not only were dear friends,

but truly became family. She and Jack also loved to spread their love all over! Mostly The Sardine Can, Elviarita's, Sandovals Scotty's and Sailor Jacks.

She also loved to travel. She and Jack had some wonderful adventures! And she had a few with friends, but it was always an adventure.

There truly is no way of covering this amazing woman...Pat, Gma, Grandma Pat and what she brought to this world and her community.

We want to give a very special acknowledgment to her Angels who took such great care of her for these last two years. Michelle Ng, Judy Adams and Angela Amine, we can never thank you enough for being her special Angels and best friends! Thank you for giving her pure Love and Grace till her final breath.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 9th at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 120 East J Street, Benicia. Burial will be private.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
120 East J Street
Benicia, CA 94510

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Maureen (Taylor) and Russ Clifton purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Patricia Joyce Renfro.*



Maureen (Taylor) and Russ Clifton - November 29, 2023 at 03:25 PM

DD

“ *Pat was a most caring soul, a friend, a mentor and one of the kindest people I've ever known thank God she's resting peacefully and we will all miss her*💔
Deborah Dickson

Deborah Dickson - November 24, 2023 at 01:50 PM

DH

“ *I had the great honor of calling Pat Renfro friend for many years. She and Jack are the greatest neighbors, as my family and I spent many nights at their house watching football games or celebrating their family. For many years she and I also shared clients - people in jail with a wide range of disorders and struggles. Long before it was fashionable, Pat was a leader and a role model for bringing empathy and compassion to those struggling with mental illness and substance use disorders. She could also speak truth to power - my fondest memories of her involved her bluntly and colorfully telling people in power that they needed to work harder to help people in need. Our justice system has evolved now to the point where our courts and jails are expected to provide meaningful mental health assistance to the clients. Pat Refro was a trailblazer in creating the space for this to happen. The community is indebted to her for her leadership.*

Dan Healy - November 20, 2023 at 03:54 PM

NB

“ *Pat Renfrow was a joy! A lot of the time she would have a grandchild with her. One event she had an adorable little girl (at a fashion show at the Tearoom) who “stole the show”—in my mind I imagined—that was Pat when she was a child ! She was joyful! Heaven is even better! What a wonderful legacy!*

Nora Boschee - November 19, 2023 at 05:31 PM

PN

“ Pat was and always will be a bright light. Her heart was big, her laughter was infectious, her cheerleading for the underdog was inspiring. She was my mentor and a caring friend. This beautiful soul will be missed and fondly remembered.

Pat Nicodemus - November 19, 2023 at 09:39 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Joyce Renfro.



November 18, 2023 at 06:38 PM

PF

“ Patty, Joe, Stephanie and Family!! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Joyce Renfro.

Patty, Joe, Stephanie and Family!! - November 18, 2023 at 06:38 PM

CK

“ Sad to read this of Pat. May God give her family added strength & peace needed at this difficult time saying good by & their memories with her live on in their hearts & minds. Rest in peace Pat fly with the angels.



Carol King - November 18, 2023 at 02:58 PM

SF

“ She will always carry that special place in my heart. She gave so much to others. I enjoy working with Pat over the years and we came best buddies. We stayed close up until her passing. Wherever we went she was always the life of the party. She will be so missed. My condolences to her family. Thank you Pat for touching my life and so many others.
Susie Foreman

Susie Foreman - November 17, 2023 at 06:57 PM

LJ

“ She always made me smile and made all who knew her feel special. She always had that sparkle in her eyes I will never forget. My sincere condolences to her family. I will miss her but she will always have a place in my heart.

Leo Jones

leonora jones - November 15, 2023 at 04:47 PM

PG

I will never forgot my first meeting with Pat and family. It was over a dinner cooked by the one and only Pop Pressly...liver and onions! As I recall Pat was protesting heartily as her sis, Carol Ann, snickered at the table as mom, Fern tried to reign in everyone. It was a lifetime lesson of ya don't mess with Pat!!! Matched with such a good heart and a willingness to serve. I know that dinner party is now complete and continues in that great beyond. Happy traveling big sis...the liver and onions awaits 😊

patty long galvan - November 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

KC

They don't make women like Grandma Pat anymore! Her personality lit up the room!! Loved her dearly ❤️ ☐ RIP 🙏

Karen Conyers - November 18, 2023 at 01:17 AM

SH

Pat and John have each other in heaven. Pat will prepare the dinner and invite guests. John will enjoy the meal and laugh at Pat's commentary. I am so happy that two good friends will enjoy each others company.

sharon - November 25, 2023 at 10:29 PM

VG

Thank you pat! For all your love, laughter, and friendship thru the years. You will be missed. ❤️

Valerie Grist - December 01, 2023 at 05:01 PM

KP

I had the privilege of working with Pat for many years and she knew better than anyone that simply listening empathically could instill hope and was transformative. What a tremendous loss not only to family and friends, but to the community. She will always have a special place in my heart.

Karan Post - December 07, 2023 at 08:03 PM