

Patti Nelson



Patti Nelson, 72, of Montezuma, formerly of Brooklyn, died on Sunday, March 30, 2025, at UnityPoint Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 4, 2025, at the Smith Funeral Home in Brooklyn. Visitation was held prior to the service beginning at 9 a.m.. Interment was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the Brooklyn Ruritan Club.

Memorials may be designated to the Brooklyn Fire Department or to East Poweshiek Ambulance Service and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, 605 Jackson Street, Brooklyn, IA 52211. Memories and condolences may be shared with Patti's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Patricia Ann Saylor was born on January 5, 1953, in Grinnell to Harold Maynard Saylor and Marcella Ann Christensen Saylor. She was raised in Brooklyn and graduated from BGM High School in 1971.

On June 19, 1971, Patti was united in marriage to Roger Nelson at the First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn. They had three children and raised their family in Brooklyn from 1971 until 2001, when they moved to Lake Ponderosa near Montezuma.

Patti worked at several area businesses over the years, including Brooklyn Vet Clinic, the Brooklyn newspaper, Brooklyn liquor store, Van Wyk Trucking, Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance, and Brownells, where she worked until her retirement in 2022.

Beyond work, Patti cherished spending time with her family. She loved attending her grandchildren's sporting events, visiting Tammy for games and lunch, boating with family, and taking trips to the casino. She was an avid fan of Days of Our Lives. She eagerly awaited Roger's annual Christmas announcement of their trip to Las Vegas.

Patti is survived by her three children, Tammy Nelson of Des Moines, Eric Nelson of Brooklyn, and Sheri Sharer of Montezuma; three grandchildren, and other relations.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Roger Nelson in 2021.

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