



Ruth 'Patty' Olsen

December 16, 1928 - September 26, 2023

Ruth M Olsen “Patty” of Lindenhurst, and a former 60-year resident of Rolling Meadows,
passed away at her home, surrounded by family, Tuesday, September 26,
2023.

Pat was born in Chicago, IL on December 16, 1928, the daughter of Herbert and Ruth Laurell.

As a teenager, she was a baton twirler and later a drum major for the Illinois State Championship

Norwood Park Drum and Bugle Corp. She married Richard A. Olsen of Norwood Park, IL in 1950.

Pat’s fondest role was mother of three, and later grandmother of five, and great-grandmother

of six. Pat was a founding partner of Olsen Tuckpointing Company beginning in 1964 – in
its 59th year of continuous operation today.

She is survived by her children Margaret (Gregory) Kos, Patricia (Paul) Shapiro, Richard (Ann)

Olsen; grandchildren Joel (Kelli) Kos, Joshua (Ami) Kos, Jessica (Marcus) Birney, Jennifer Shapiro,

and Benjamin Shapiro; great-grandchildren Caden, Tanner, Audrey, Logan,

Halsten, and Selma;
brother George (Elsie) Laurell; and brother-in-law Wallace Wilson.

She was preceded in death by her sister Betty Wilson and her cherished husband of 66 years,
Richard.

Pat loved spending time in Star Lake, WI – enjoying every season and all things “Up North”. Her greatest joys were taking her family and grandchildren on trips to Chicago, botanical gardens, zoos, shopping, overnight weekends, and more. She delighted in making Christmas special for the grandkids, and adult children as well, with heaps of favorite foods, mountains of gifts, a roaring fire – complete with warming soups and hot chocolate. And, she adored reading her beloved Daily Herald every day, no matter what.

A memorial service will be determined at a later date. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be sent to The Village at Victory Lakes, a Franciscan Community (1075 Victory Drive, Lindenhurst, IL 60046).

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“Patty was a hoot! She definitely makes the list of being one of my all-time favorite patients. She was fiercely independent & her spice contributed to her longevity. We knew better than to tell Patty she could not do something because she would make it her mission to prove she could. She was inquisitive & curious, always making sure her voice was heard. She would read, cover to cover, the annual CMS (Medicare coverage book) just to be certain she understood her coverage....made me chuckle every time! Whenever I was getting down on myself, she'd tell me, "you know more than all the doctors," which always makes a nurse smile. Patty shared the best stories of her life & experience & beamed with pride when speaking of her children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren. Her humor, sarcasm, stories & spice will definitely be missed. The "zero floor" is not the same without her. ❤️

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