



## Patricia Harton

July 6, 1944 - February 7, 2025

Patricia "Pat" Harton, affectionately known as Patty by her family, peacefully passed away at home on the morning of February 7, 2025, at the age of 80. Her family takes comfort in knowing she is rejoicing in heaven, a place she spoke of with great anticipation, longing to see the face of the Lord.

Born on July 6, 1944, in Flint, Michigan, to Harold and Alice (Sexsmith) Vollink, Pat grew up in Holly, Michigan, and graduated in 1962. She remained closely connected to her classmates, cherishing their visits in her final days.

On August 7, 1965, Pat married Bruce Manley Harton, a union truly blessed by heaven. Together, they raised two sons, Dan and Jeff, and celebrated nearly 60 years of steadfast love and respect. When anyone asked her for marriage advice, she would tell them that you have to choose to love each other, even when one is being not so loveable. Love is a conscious decision to support and cherish each other through the ups and downs.

A devoted servant of God, Pat was deeply committed to the Global Methodist Church and was officially ordained in the summer of 2024. She served as Pastor at Mount Bethel Methodist Church in Holly, earning the affectionate title of Pastor Pat. Through her ministry, she touched many lives, mentoring both adults and children. She and Bruce were members of Revive Church in Hartland, Michigan, and Pat cherished the time spent with her Golden Girls

friend circle from church.

Pat is preceded in death by her parents, her sister-in-law Marilyn Harton, and her brother, James Vollink. She is survived by her loving husband Bruce, her sons Daniel (Liz) and Jeffrey (Penny), her brother David (Lola) Vollink, and numerous grandchildren, including Tyler (Kristin) Harton, Alexander, William, Ayden, Matthew, Garrett, and her bonus grandchildren Ryan, JD, Hailey, Christina, Lilly, and many more who brought joy to her life. Her grandchildren fondly remember her for her card game "cheating" and the joy she took in hearing about their lives.

Visitation will be held at Dryer Funeral Home on February 13, 2025, from 2-5 PM and 6-9 PM. A funeral service will take place at Holly Calvary Church on February 14, 2025, at 11:30 AM, followed by burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery and a reception. In lieu of flowers, donations to Mount Bethel or Revive Churches are appreciated.

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

[www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291  
bgdryer@hotmail.com  
<https://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

## Visitation

FEB 13. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.  
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Holly, MI 48442  
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## Visitation

FEB 14. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Holly Calvary Church  
15010 N Holly Rd  
Holly, MI 48442-1902  
(248) 634-9711

## Funeral Service

FEB 14. 11:30 AM (ET)

Holly Calvary Church  
15010 N Holly Rd  
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(248) 634-9711

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia Harton*



**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 15, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia Harton.

February 19, 2025 at 07:38 AM



“ *Jen E., Jody, Kim, Jen K. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patricia Harton.*



**Jen E., Jody, Kim, Jen K.** - February 13, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ *Jen E., Jody, Kim, Jen K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Harton.*

**Jen E., Jody, Kim, Jen K.** - February 13, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia Harton.*



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February 13, 2025 at 08:09 AM



“ *I was the flower girl for Pat and Bruce's wedding. They made me feel so special for their special day. I will miss Pat so much, she made a difference in my life and I am forever grateful and blessed. My heart goes out to you Bruce. I love you both so much. ~ Chrissy*

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**Christina Salters** - February 12, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 12, 2025 at 11:27 AM

DL

“ *What wonderful moments Pat and I shared. We were pastors in the Ortonville area and we shared Chrysalis flights. We laughed and cried together. We connected again when she and Bruce came up to their cabin close to a little church I was serving. The Lord orchestrated a long phone conversation just before Christmas to recollect and share. Pat was and is a precious sister in Christ. She now lives with the Savior she so loved. Love and prayers to all who are missing her so.*

Deborah Ann Line - February 12, 2025 at 10:36 AM

BA

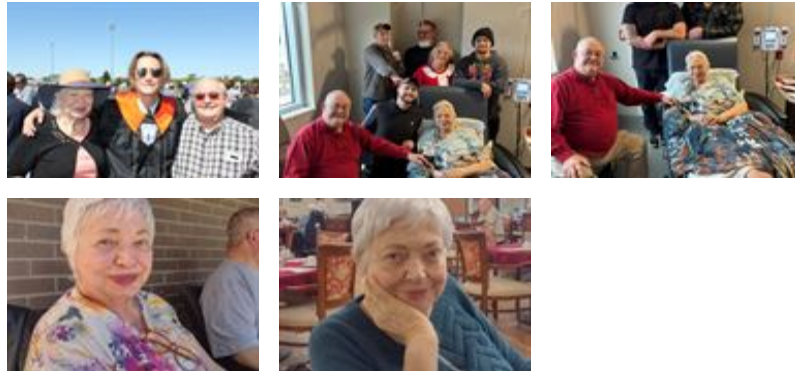
“ *Brookdale Adrian purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Patricia Harton.*



Brookdale Adrian - February 11, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ *25 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - February 11, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ *Judy Pearson Johnson lit a candle in memory of Patricia Harton*



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**Judy Pearson Johnson** - February 09, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Harton.*



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February 09, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ *Garden of Sweet Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Harton.*



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February 09, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Harton.*



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February 09, 2025 at 09:55 AM

DF

“ Dale and Cathy , Dawn Root and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Patricia Harton.



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**Dale and Cathy , Dawn Root and family** - February 09, 2025 at 09:42 AM

AM

“ Pat was about the first person I met when I moved to Hartland and visited the Methodist Church here. She was so helpful and kind, and we became such good friends. She even let me teach her how to play bridge, so we had a little card fun together before she and Bruce started moving around. We shared a lot of the same ideas, and it was so nice to have someone to talk about Bible teachings and Christianity with. I offer my love and sincere condolences to Bruce and the rest of the family. Best regards, Ann Martin

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**Ann Martin** - February 08, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Harton.



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February 08, 2025 at 07:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia Harton.

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February 08, 2025 at 07:16 PM

DP

“ Pat has held a precious place in our family. I especially appreciated her being prepared to speak at our mother’s funeral. Mom asked her if she would be willing to do this and Pat did it beautifully. I wish Pat comfort and peace in her new mission.

Diann Pember - February 08, 2025 at 05:25 PM

CD

“ I was so sorry to hear about Pat. We enjoyed so many long talks during the Marine Corps reunions. Bruce, to you and your family, my deepest sympathy. But I am sure Pat is in Heaven, happy to be with the Lord she served so well.  
Carol Downs

Carol Downs - February 08, 2025 at 04:56 PM

CD

“ Connie Davis lit a candle in memory of Patricia Harton



Connie Davis - February 08, 2025 at 12:38 PM

JB

“ Pat has been a special friend to me since third grade & together we were gurl scouts, sang in the Methodist youth choir, Rainbow girls and I was one of Pats bridesmaids when she married Bruce. Pat was always a dear friend that I could count on. How lucky to have such a treasured friend for so many years. Sending love and prayers to her family. Love Joyce & Ron Barnett

joyce & Ron Barnett - February 07, 2025 at 09:35 PM