



Patricia "Pati" Sue Bardon

February 16, 1953 - January 14, 2024

Patricia "Pati" Sue (Wood) Bardon, age 70, of Upper Sandusky, passed away on Sunday, January 14, 2024, at Wyandot Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center as a result of aggressive metastatic melanoma. She was at peace and ready to go to Heaven. She was eager to be reunited with her late parents, William "Bill" Wood and Rosalie "Rosie" (Shedenhelm) Wood, and brother Bill, Jr., who passed tragically when Pati was just a teenager. She was ready to use her legs again to walk through the beautiful fields of Heaven. And she was ready to be greeted by all of the dogs she saved, loved, and lost throughout her time on Earth. Pati called Upper Sandusky home her whole life. She was born here on February 16, 1953, graduated from USHS in 1971, and met and married Robert "Bob" Bardon in 1975. Together they raised their three children - Jacob, Megan, and Alex - on their farm just outside of town surrounded by cows, dogs, cats, rabbits, a random sheep, and the occasional flock of chickens. During this time, she and Bob instilled in their kids a love and respect for

nature, fresh air, and animals.

Born into a family of hard-working entrepreneurs and later marrying one, Pati was fortunate to live, love, and work with her family throughout her entire life. She was at times a bus girl, hostess, drive-in waitress, Realtor, fine dining server, project manager, dishwasher, food runner, taste tester, cashier, accountant, business partner, home builder, and general manager. She was probably best known for her years spent in her family's restaurant businesses, first The Steer Barn, which still serves our community today, then The Rainbow Drive-In, and finally, Woody's Restaurant. Pati learned customer service, food service, and hospitality from her parents at an early age and grew up honing her experience and passing it on to others, including her kids, all of whom had the pleasure and annoyance of being managed professionally by their mother as they grew up in the family business. Even Farmer Bob ditched the combine and left the coveralls at home every Saturday night to don a coat and tie to work the register at Woody's. During the Woody's years, Pati was a polished extrovert with a fiery spirit. She had high expectations in the kitchen and on the dining floor and was always armed with a stack of menus and a dose of what-will-she-say-next drama to keep things interesting for patrons and staff alike.

Pati was incredibly proud of her family's restaurant and expected the people who worked and dined there to love it just as much as she did. If you didn't eat at Woody's, you worked there, with many former and current residents of Upper spending time under the tutelage of Pati and her parents serving up great food and great experiences. And all of them can still sing the Woody's birthday song upon command.

After the sale of Woody's in 2001, Pati turned her attention to her passion for pets and became widely known as "the dog lady." She was spotted daily driving around Upper with a truckload of dogs. Some were hers, and some may have been yours once, but they were hers now because you left them chained up in deplorable conditions in your backyard, or without water on a scorching hot day, or she just thought they deserved better. (She carried around bolt cutters just in case). During this time, Pati further turned her heart for dogs into action when she became part of an underground network to get abandoned or unwanted dogs into safe, healthy homes.

She put a lot of miles on her truck (and Bob's) transporting dogs across the state in the name of rescue, some which were moments away from euthanasia otherwise. At one time, she and Bob fostered 16 dogs. And a pony named Oreo.

In 2019, Pati found a way to combine her two passions - food service and animal welfare - when

she started Pati's Dogs Food Truck. She leaned on her restaurant expertise to create a delicious menu of dog-themed sandwiches (for humans) and became a staple in the community for tasty grab-and-go lunches made-to-order from her mobile trailer. Her food was simple and so was her message - dogs are people, too.

In every season of her life, Pati was a champion for the underdog - not just the four-legged kind.

She gave generously when she could. She was a long-time volunteer at Open Door and was known for finding paying gigs for residents looking for employment. Pati was a devout believer

in and follower of Jesus, and she held tightly to her Christian faith, welcoming church friends for

Bible study and scripture reading even when she was too tired and weak to participate.

Pati was a fun, somewhat obsessive mom who taught her kids the right way to toilet paper a

house (and where to hide when cars drove by), the right way to throw a party, and the right way

to make garlic bread. To her seven grandchildren, Pati was "the crazy grandma," and it was a

title she was proud of. She enjoyed breaking all the rules whenever she could in the name of

showing her grandkids a good time. She leaves behind a legacy of lessons in resilience, how to

be an example of grace and accept forgiveness, how to be a favorite hostess, how to make

Rosie's famous secret recipes, how to love through pain, how to laugh through chaos, how to

hang onto lifelong friendships even when paths seem to fade, where to find the most delicious wild blueberries in Canada, and how to be happiest when covered in dog hair. Pati was married to Bob for 42 years, and they remained the best of friends after their divorce in 2017 until her very last breath. She also leaves behind her sons Jacob and Alex (Lori), and her daughter Megan (Jason) as well as her grandchildren, Jacobi, Joben and Noah Bardon, Will and Grant Bardon, and Laine and Lincoln Myers. And, of course, her beloved dog, Puppy, who will spend her remaining days back on the farm with Bob. In her final days, Pati was most at peace with Puppy sitting in her lap, a DQ Blizzard in one hand, and Bob's hand holding onto the other.

Pati and her family were deeply touched by the outpouring of love, prayers, and support during her time at the County Home. They express their sincere gratitude to all who took time to visit, call, text, and send well wishes.

The family will receive friends on Saturday January 20, 2024, from 12:30pm-2:30pm in Bringman Clark Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 2:30pm at the funeral home with Pastor Charles McGlone officiating. A private family burial will be held at Old Mission Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to All Species Adoption Program (A.S.A.P.) in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home 226 E. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. Visit www.BringmanClark.com to view the life tribute, extend a condolence or share a memory.

Cemetery Details

Old Mission Cemetery*

on East Church St., about 500 feet east of SR
53 and 67, on north side of town
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BE

“ Just heard of Pati's passing. Very deepest condolences to her many close friends and family. One of my favorite Upper memories is of her 13th b'day party in the upstairs of Wood's Steer Barn. It was so cool to sneak part way down the stairs to spy on all the grownups below! I also was blessed with the pleasure of working for Rosie and Bill, 1st as general labor on the Duck Pond property, and then as a weekend busboy along with Mike Crawford, Chuck Eingle and Bob Rife. GREAT folks to work for - Bill was always saying 'Good work boys. Good work!'. Working for and with them was truly a joy. I always made a point of going by to see them when I was in town, whether it was at the Steer Barn, or Woody's, and was ALWAYS met with a big smile and welcome. I hadn't seen Pati much in the past 20 yrs or so, but she always has a warm, soft place in my heart and memory. I'm sure she's having a 'Hoot' on her new journey! (Best obit ever! If they gave a Pulitzer for obits, Pati's should get it!)

Bill Eyestone - January 28, 2024 at 12:33 PM

JB

“ Very sorry for your loss 🙏



Jenn Best - January 20, 2024 at 09:53 PM

PH

“ She came to our church many times and was a blessing ti us all. Last spring at Easter her food truck was at the Masters Building at the fairgrounds and she and her team served our church graciously as we had a service there. If not last year the year before. I loved to see her food truck around town. She was pure joy!

P. Jean Hogan - January 20, 2024 at 01:49 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pati" Sue Bardon.



January 19, 2024 at 03:44 PM

RD

“ My condolences to Bob and all of Pati's family. As I was unaware of Pati's battle with cancer, I was as surprised as I was saddened to learn of her passing. My memories go back to the days of her being Bill Jr's little sister to the days when she grew into roles of increasing responsibility at Woody's -- always happy to see you. She was always such a bright light! I'm sorry that I will be out of state on Saturday and won't be present to offer my condolences in person.

Reuben DeBolt

Reuben DeBolt - January 18, 2024 at 10:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pati" Sue Bardon.*



January 18, 2024 at 09:40 PM



“ *So many memories from my days working at Woody's! The Rosie, Bill & Pati always made all of us feel like family! Pati will be missed by all of us that were blessed to know her. Prayers for God's comfort Bob, Jacob, Megan, Alex and your families.*

Angie (Blair) Wallenfelsz - January 18, 2024 at 04:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pati" Sue Bardon.*



January 17, 2024 at 09:39 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Pati. I met Pati when I moved to Upper Sandusky in 1988. She welcomed me to this community and I would run into her from time to time. Pati was always kind to me. I always enjoyed talking to her. Her passing makes me sad! Pati will be missed! Jim Clifford*



Jim Clifford - January 17, 2024 at 01:10 PM

RB

“ Our condolences.. to all of you, Loved Pati's energy, she was a hoot !! Randy and Jenn Best

Randy Best - January 17, 2024 at 06:58 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pati" Sue Bardon.



January 16, 2024 at 10:25 AM

CM

“ So sorry. hugs and prayers to family and friends.

chris miller - January 16, 2024 at 07:54 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pati" Sue Bardon.



January 15, 2024 at 10:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pati" Sue Bardon.



January 15, 2024 at 09:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pati" Sue Bardon.



January 15, 2024 at 09:07 PM



“ Marie Iles Nutting sent a virtual gift in memory of Patricia "Pati" Sue Bardon



Marie Iles Nutting - January 15, 2024 at 07:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia "Pati" Sue Bardon.



January 15, 2024 at 07:39 PM



“ Sorry to hear the lost of your family member. She will be miss by many people and animals



Terry Lane - January 15, 2024 at 07:27 PM

JH

“ We may have lost touch over the years, but I will hold onto all the fond memories of the times at their house as well as Uncle Bill's house. Alex, Jacob and Megan, my prayers are with you during this time.

Jen (Daulton) Hicks - January 15, 2024 at 06:28 PM

RH

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the family of Patti! I attend my high school years with Patti! She got along with everyone! She sure will be missed by many friends and classmates!



Ruth McKinniss Henicle - January 15, 2024 at 06:27 PM

JT

“ Pati, everyone's friend! She will be missed!

James Touchette - January 15, 2024 at 06:22 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia "Pati" Sue Bardon.

January 15, 2024 at 05:56 PM

SD

“ Pati was my dad's cousin. I'm sad to say we lost touch over the years but the memories growing up as family will be fondly remembered. Rest in peace cousin Pati 🙏

Suze (Daulton) Davis - January 15, 2024 at 05:53 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Iles Hensel lit a candle in memory of Patricia "Pati" Sue Bardon*



Kathy Iles Hensel - January 15, 2024 at 04:22 PM

PL

This is one of the most beautiful obits I have ever read. It made us laugh and cry and also marvel at the most perfect loving, touching and fitting description for a lovely woman with a huge heart. She could be tough when she needed to be, but I always knew her as fun, funny, caring and kind. To her family and friends who love her, we are so sorry for your loss. Bless her for the lives she has touched, including the countless furry friends she rescued. She will be missed.

Pam & Jerry Lawrence - January 15, 2024 at 10:07 PM