



Patricia Carol Elrod

December 25, 1938 - July 26, 2014

Patricia Carol Elrod, age 75, of Chanute, passed away Saturday, July 26, 2014 at K.U. Medical Center in Kansas City. Patty was born on Christmas Day on December 25, 1938 in Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of George R. and Dorothy L. (Barlow) Shepherd. She was raised on the Vaudeville Circuit as her parents were professional dancers. She traveled all over the United States with the company of many movie stars that were billed at the same clubs her parents danced at.

She later attended schools in Kansas City, MO., Corcoran, CA., and Mission, KS., where she graduated from Shawnee-Mission High School with the class of 1956. She was a Head-Majorette and performed in many School Dance Theater Programs as well as on some television programs.

She taught dancing at her mother's Dance Studio, for many years at Shepherds Dance Studio in California and Mission, KS. After graduating she married C. Wayne Horton and was divorced after 13 years with 2 boys, Terry Dale Horton and wife Debbie of Liberty, MO., and Jeffrey Roland Horton and wife Traci, of Belleville, IL. She remarried in 1969 to Darold L. Elrod who is a State Farm Agent and they had one child, Kevin Scott Elrod of Pittsburg, KS. She also has two step-children, Lisa L. Schmidt and husband Kevin of Eugene, OR., and Kurtis L. Elrod of Riverside, CA. She worked many years with the State Farm Company in her husband's office and semi-retired.

Being an only child Patty was preceded in death by both her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Darold L. Elrod, sons; Terry and Jeff Horton, and Kevin Elrod, step-children; Lisa Schmidt and Kurtis Elrod and 12 grandchildren and, 1 great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 30, 2014, 6-8 p.m. at Countryside Funeral Home-Gibson Chapel. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at Gibson Chapel. Interment will take place at Park Lawn Cemetery in Kansas City Missouri at 2:00 p.m., following services.

Family requests memorials to Reachout Christian Church of Chanute and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Countryside Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Park Lawn Cemetery

8251 Hillcrest Road
Kansas City, MO 64138

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Gibson Chapel
16 N. Forest
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-2660
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

Service

JUL 31. 9:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ When I was 8 years old, I started dancing at Dorothy's. My 1st recital, Patty & a boy named Tom something, did a routine to "Slaughter on 10th Avenue". At the end of the routine, Tom dragged Patty off stage by her hair!! I was amazed & very much in awe. Patty & that routine made such an impression on me, that years later, long after Patty no longer danced at the studio, when it was time for my 1st solo, Dorothy asked me what music I wanted to use. Without a moments hesitation, I said I wanted "Slaughter" & wanted to dance just like " my idol", Patty.

routine was choreographed to "Slaughter on 10th Avenue". I remember, at the end of the routine, Tom dragged Patty off stage by her hair!! I was amazed & enthralled. When it came time for me to have my 1st solo routine in a recital, Dorothy asked me what music I wanted. I told her, without a moments

Gayle Shechter - July 31, 2014 at 06:05 PM

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“ We will miss her sweet face & hugs at church. God bless all her loved ones! Phyllis & Danny Smith

Danny Smith - July 29, 2014 at 02:41 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Carol Elrod.



July 29, 2014 at 10:43 AM

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“ I was just retelling a story to my children last week about how when I would come to visit Aunt Pat during the summer, she would just spoil us rotten! When I was 16 and came for a week. she handed me the keys to the cutest little yellow bug with a rag top! I was in heaven! That was how it always was at Aunt Pat's, she made sure you had a blast. She was a blast. Full of love, energy, and LIFE! Love forever in my heart for her and her family that I claim as my own.

Cynthia Breshears Harkins

Cindy Harkins - July 28, 2014 at 08:29 PM

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“ Oh, how this woman will be missed. My first memory of "dingaling Patty" was when she was about 20 years old. Her husband told her if she drove the car she had to put oil in it. When he got home and asked if she had put oil in, she replied, " I put in as much as I could, but that hole is so small I spilled more than I got in the car." Patty loved to laugh at herself by telling such stories."

Betty Breshears Daily - July 28, 2014 at 08:21 PM

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“ Elrod Family-

I am so sorry for the loss of "Aunt Pat." I have so many memories of running wild around your place with Kevin. Aunt Pat always loved and treated us like one of her own. She will be missed tremendously. I am so thankful she was a part of my life.

*With Love,
Stacey (Bair) Hart*

Stacey Hart - July 28, 2014 at 07:53 PM