



## Patricia Lee (Bridges) Turner

August 28, 1926 - December 7, 2022

Patricia Lee (Bridges) Turner, 96, passed away Wednesday, December 7, 2022. at St. Luke's Nursing Center in Carthage, Missouri. Patricia was born August 28, 1926, in Little Rock, Arkansas to Carl R. Bridges, Sr. and Nellie Grace (Spicer) Bridges. She moved to Carthage, Missouri with her parents when she was five years old and remained until her death. During high school Patricia was a member of the Olympians, National Honor Society, Band, and Orchestra. She graduated from Carthage High School in 1944. After high school, she was employed at Leggett & Platt as a secretary for George Beimdiek. Sr. and Harry M. Cornell, Sr. Patricia was then employed as a medical secretary for Dr. Richard R. Cohle for 23 years. She also worked for Dr. Peter Richardson, Dr. Greg Unruh, and Dr. Harold Smart for 10 years. Patricia was a member of the Carthage First Baptist Church for more than 80 years. While attending, she taught Sunday School for the Junior Department for several years. Patricia had several articles published in magazines. She enjoyed writing about the Great Depression in the 1930's and 1940's. Patricia loved her family deeply and she will be missed by family and friends. Patricia is survived by two daughters, Carla Jean (Turner) Whitman and Dana Lee Turner, both of Carthage, Missouri; three grandchildren, Chris Lynn Wheat and wife, Terri Deann Wheat, of Ozark, Missouri, Darren Gene Wheat and wife, Ashley Krystal Wheat, of Joplin, Missouri, and Shelby Dale Neely of Carthage, Missouri; 3 great grandchildren, Krista Lynn Wheat and Kinsey Mae Wheat, both of Ozark, Missouri, and Tyler Dale Bates of Carthage, Missouri;

one niece, Judy Crawford; and one nephew, Jerry Bridges.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Nellie Bridges; her brother, Carl R. Bridges, Jr.; sister-in-law, Patty Bridges; and nephew, Jack Bridges.

Patricia's family would like to thank Dr. Harold Smart and all the nurses and staff at St. Luke's Nursing Center.

There will be a private family graveside service for Patricia at Park Cemetery in Carthage, Missouri.

Online condolences may be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## **Park Cemetery**

801 South Baker  
Carthage, MO

# Tribute Wall

TH

“ Dear Pat Turner. She worked tirelessly with a bunch of snot nosed pre-teenagers at The First Baptist Church of Carthage. She and Gene produced two of the finest daughters, Dana and Carla. I had a HUGE crush on Carla. Miss Carla played the piano and was pivotal in the accompanying on the High School Baldwin grand with 'Up With People'. The mold was unfortunately broken with Pat. She worked tirelessly for Dr. Chole who shared an office at 301 West Chestnut with my late father, Dr. T.E. Hilton. WOW! Incredible memories that all centered around Jesus Christ. It doesn't mo' better!!

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**Tom Hilton** - January 02, 2023 at 12:25 PM

LF

“ Pat was such a caring friend n neighbor to our Mother, May! What a special lady!!

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**Lori Feldmann** - December 20, 2022 at 11:47 AM

RM

“ We were saddened to learn of Miss Pat's passing, or as we endearingly referred to her: “the Jello lady” 😊. She was such a kind friend to Mom & Dad, darting in to say “hi” and delivering Jello and sometimes cookies, until they moved from their house in later years. They always appreciated her visits and her long friendship. Ruby just left for her heavenly home, a few weeks before Pat. Jim & Ruby will be happy to see her again! Sorry for your loss of such a sweet, faithful woman.

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**Ron & Bev McClellan** - December 16, 2022 at 08:50 AM

AW

“ Sending sympathy to you, Carla and Dana. Your mom was so sweet. John and Ann Wyman

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**Ann Crusa Wyman** - December 12, 2022 at 04:48 PM

DM

“ How lucky you were to have had Pat in your lives for so many years! She lived a good long life, and I know you will miss her. Condolences to Carla and Dana, and all who loved her. -- Diantha

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**Diantha Matistic** - December 12, 2022 at 03:08 PM

BS

“ Dana, Carla, & Family,

*Our deepest sympathy to you all at the loss of your Mother, Grandmother, & Great Grandmother.*

*We loved having Pat as our next door neighbor. She was the Best!! She kept us up-to-date on things in the neighborhood. She made the best big chocolate chip cookies and in these later years, cups of jello with fruit. She always had to give us a treat when she saw us 😊 (It won't be the same not hearing her say, "Hi Neighbor " when we are outside.)*

*Our grandchildren loved to run over & see Ms. Pat when they came over. The loved decorating her driveway with chalk. She always seemed to love their visits & wanted to give them a treat too 😊*

*We are saddened to lose our dear neighbor but know we will see her again in heaven.*

*I was one of the fortunate ones to have her as a Sunday School Teacher many years ago. She was a faithful servant to her church that she dearly loved. She was proud to have been a member of FBC for over 80 years. She would often tell us the story of her salvation & baptism on Easter. She loved serving when she could. She hated she couldn't attend here of late but often told me how she was still faithfully praying for her church family. What a dear saint 😊🙏*

*She loved to tell us stories of her growing up and how hard times were but that she was better because of it.*

*She was so proud of all of You - and what everyone was accomplishing. She told us that often.*

*We pray the Lord will comfort & bless each of you as only he can.*

❤️ *Brenda & Jerry Spry*

**Brenda Spry** - December 10, 2022 at 10:13 PM

GO

“ So very sorry *Dana and Carla* at the loss of your precious mom. She was always sweet to me when we were younger. I pray God’s comfort on you all during this time.

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**Gail (King) Orr** - December 08, 2022 at 12:47 PM

MB

“ I was saddened to read this obituary. I took care of Pat's yard for many years, and she was the nicest person. Can't say enough good about her. Always had a cookie without fail. Rest in Peace and God Bless.

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**Mike Burken** - December 08, 2022 at 12:22 PM