



Patricia Marie Balok

April 13, 1943 - September 30, 2021

Patricia Marie Balok, 78, passed away on Thursday, September 30, 2021, in Roswell, New Mexico. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Patricia's family at www.andersonbethanv.com

Services: There will be a memorial service at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 9:30 AM.

On April 13, 1943, Patricia was born to Harold and Marie Cochrell in East Detroit, Michigan. She graduated from high school and continued her education at a university, where she received her master's in teaching.

Patricia was the beloved wife of Jack Balok, whom she married on June 19, 1965, and has preceded her in death.

Prior to retirement, she worked as a librarian and teacher. Patricia had a special gift for teaching children and shared her talents teaching at several schools in McKinley County and taught at the UNM Gallup Branch.

Patricia loved volunteering at Wilson Cobb Library. She was a dedicated member of Genealogy Society, Garden Club, Civil Air Patrol, and many other clubs, where Patricia specialized in compassionate service. She was always very involved with organizations for many years.

She loved all her children and grandchildren more than anything in the world and she always made sure they knew it. Patricia will be missed by her loved ones.

Survivors: Those left to eternally treasure and cherish memories of Patricia are Shawn Balok and wife Michelle, Aron Balok and wife Hayly, Brandi White

and husband Brent; grandchildren: Brett, Rylee, Megyn, Kira, Kimber, Justin, Tiffany, Brook, Deven, and Hayden; great-granddaughter, Ivy; as well as her siblings: Gary Cochrell and wife Ruby, Bill Cochrell and wife Nancie, and Curt Cochrell and wife Dottie.

Preceded: Patricia is preceded in death by her husband, Jack Balok; and her parents: Harold and Marie Cochrell.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **23**. 9:30 AM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
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Tribute Wall



“ Patricia Marie Balok

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ I was surprised and saddened to read of Pat's passing. She was one of our most faithful bookmobile patrons at Fence Lake. She would always come aboard with a big smile and, sometimes, a dessert for us. We would talk, laugh, and listen. She filled us in on her genealogy research for her family, her karate study---(and use on a guy beating a woman outside a store), the taxidermy deer that had to be rebuilt regularly after hunters would shoot at it from the road, her daughter's decision to train to be a chef, and many more stories. Then there was the evening that Pat and her family rescued Caroline and me from a breakdown. We finished our stop there only to find we couldn't start the truck again. For some reason Pat had come back and saw us sitting there. The next thing I knew, we were eating supper and spending the night at Pat and Jack's home! I think Brandi gave up her room for us. The next morning Jack and one of the boys fixed the truck enough that we could limp into Grants for repair. We sent a big cannister of popcorn along with our thank you note, but it really wasn't enough to express our appreciation. I noticed from Jack's obit that the family seemed to have moved from Fence Lake to Roswell. I know Pat was a woman of faith and is happy to be reunited with Jack, but this world will miss her. ~ Mara Browning

Mara Browning - October 29, 2021 at 11:56 AM

BM

“ I was Pat's supervisor in the Business Technology Department of UNM-Gallup and enjoyed her enthusiasm and caring for her students. Pat was willing to try new things and always had a smile for everyone. I am truly sorry for her family's loss and send my deepest condolences. *Beth Miller*

Beth Miller - October 19, 2021 at 11:03 PM

ES

“ I remember Pat Balok well. During her tenure at UNM-Gallup, she recruited me to teach an evening business-related class at the college. I was Director of the Gallup Small Business Development Center at the time, and agreed to help Pat as she was having trouble finding instructors. As I recall, she was a very caring person and wanted the best for her students. My deepest condolences to her family. *Elsi Sanchez*

Elsi Sanchez - October 17, 2021 at 02:32 PM

CS

“ I worked with Pat many many years ago when she was at Ramah Elementary School. She had a larger than life personality and would light up a room. Reading everything that she has accomplished, I am so totally in awe of what she went on to do. I am so sorry for your loss and I feel that I have missed having her in my life too. *Condolences, Carol Sarath*

Carol Sarath - October 17, 2021 at 01:27 PM

CB

“ *Cody & Jess Balok purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Patricia Marie Balok.*



Cody & Jess Balok - October 13, 2021 at 03:30 PM