



Patricia Lee Horner

August 28, 1934 - December 27, 2012

Patricia "Patsy" Lee (Wagner) Horner August 28, 1934 ~ December 27, 2012
Patricia Lee (Wagner) Horner, 78 died on December 27, 2012 of a heart attack while sleeping. She was born in Yakima, WA to Gweneth Isabel (Cuyle) Heron and Leland D. Wagner on August 28, 1934. She is survived by her husband Kenneth D. Horner, her sister Judy (Charles) Parsons, her sister-in-law Connie Medernach (Jack) her sons and their wives, Jeffrey Horner (Carla), Gregory Horner (Dawn), Michael Horner (Michelle), eight grandchildren, two great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death is her sister Avrille (Jeanie) Patterson and her mother, Gweneth Heron. Patty met her husband, Kenneth "Kenny" while attending high school in Olympia, WA. She attended Washington State University for a short time before coming back home to marry her high school sweetheart. After they were married, Ken and Patty moved to Vancouver, WA where they raised their three sons. When the boys were young, they spent a few years in Seattle, WA and Salem, OR before returning permanently to Vancouver. After retirement, they moved to Ridgefield, WA where they have lived for the past 17 years. Patty was very involved with her children while they were growing up. When her children were older, she went back to work as a secretary and business clerk for the Vancouver School District; she was with the district for 15 years before her retirement. Patty was an avid gardener, loved to cook (making everything from scratch) and adored animals. To her grandchildren she was "Snow White", as she had names for all the critters who would

regularly visit her backyard. She had many friends and always put others' needs before her own. Nearly nine years ago she was diagnosed with oral cancer and beat the odds three times. She was a true fighter and an inspiration to family and friends. Funeral services will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Saturday January 5, 2013. 1101 NE 112th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98664. Phone (360) 892-6060. Please sign her guestbook at [www. Evergreenmemorialgardens.com](http://www.Evergreenmemorialgardens.com). In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to The Oral Cancer Foundation at [www. oralcancerfoundation.org](http://www.oralcancerfoundation.org)

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 07:54 PM

FV

“ We have enjoyed having Patty as a neighbor for the past 8 years. She always had a cheerful smile in spite of her pain, and we enjoyed visiting about our gardens across the fence. We will miss her very much and extend our sympathy to Ken and their family.

Frank and Phyllis Vidin - January 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ God bless to All the Horner family. One memory of Patty was at a small family gathering at her house, she was playing the piano then would stop and kind of laugh, start again... She had bright eyes, a warm smile and that laugh.

Debbie Ashmun - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ As much as we all will miss you Patty, we could not wish you back to go through the last seven years. You were an inspiration to everyone on how to graciously deal with illness. Your love of family was your rock and they are stronger for that. Our prayers go out for all in this difficult time. Don and Dodie Erickson

Dodie Erickson - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

“ Aunt Patty was a special lady -- one of the most thoughtful people I've ever known. She had such strength and gave life 110%...always. As sad as we are, sheâ€™s finally at peace after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was a true inspiration and fought hard and gracefully. She certainly had a strong will to live and treasured making memories with friends and family. I will always remember her laugh, her big smile and bright eyes. Knowing Patty, she's going to continue to find ways to touch us from Heaven. It may be a ray of sunshine on a dreary day or a colorful rainbow after a storm...sheâ€™ll make her presence known. I loved sleeping over when we were kids because she always made me feel at home and there was always something fun to do. We took long walks, picked berries for pies, played games, worked in the garden and attended the boyâ€™s sporting events. She was a wonderful cook â€” I loved her berry pies! I had far less time with her over the years because we moved away, but I so enjoyed every visit. She was a wonderful host, always made me feel at home, fed me way too much and she was genuinely interested in catching up on everything since our last visit. Weâ€™d sit at the table and talk for hours. She was sweet, thoughtful, beautiful inside and out and someone I could always look up to. She wrote heartfelt letters and cards to recognize special occasions or simply to say she was â€œthinking of youâ€. Itâ€™s amazing how one person could give so generously of her time and love â€” she touched so many people. We have been blessed to have her in our lives and hopefully her graciousness and selflessness has rubbed off a little on each of us. May fond memories warm the hearts of the entire Horner family, extended family and friends. Patty would want us to celebrate her wonderful life. May her beautiful smile, bright eyes, contagious laugh and never ending love be with us forever. Rest in peace Aunt Patty. We love you so much! Wendy, Mark, Kaitlyn, Kennedy and Kelsey

Wendy Staudt - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ My deepest thoughts and prayers go to the Horner family & one of my great friends - Greg. I was truly blessed by Patty for so many years (over 40) & some of my fondest childhood memories took place in Patty's kitchen. She always had a smile on her face & would do anything for us kids - offering us her unconditional support whether it was driving us to basketball practice @ 6am or cooking dinner she was truly the kind of Mom every kid would want to have... even in recent years after all that she has been through Patty's positive and optimistic attitude was contagious & made you feel how blessed we are in life - I thank her for that! I look forward to honoring her & celebrating her life this Saturday. Sincerely, Greg Fink

Greg Fink - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

YF

“ Patty was an inspiration with her gracious smile, gardening tips and true kindness which she portrayed upon every visit. She will be missed by all.

Yolanda Fink - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To all of Patty's family... we will truly miss our wonderful neighbor of 17 years. Patty and I had so much in common... canning, gardening, children, grandchildren, the love of animals... and we both have a husband named Ken. What would we do without that Ken :)... Seriously, Ken and Patty have been the most gracious of neighbors forever. No matter what or how much Patty went through... she always smiled and showed us how we should be handling ourselves in life. She was a true inspiration to me. I still have the privilege of working full time, so did not have the luxury of enjoying our Ridgefield countryside the whole day of sunshine, but Patty would be out working the yard always. I will miss Patty a ton.. always thought of her and have always cared. I am glad she passed peacefully and quickly... and I do know she will enjoy all heaven has to offer. Her family definitely can be proud of her. Love and care,
Molly and Ken Miner

Molly & Ken Miner - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ We always called each other "Magoo" or "Grace"... "Grace" perhaps because I seemed to always fall down or run into something. How far does our friendship go back? Probably longer than anyone other than your family. From the day we met at Lincoln Grade School ~ slumber parties with Sally, Margot, Marilyn, you and I. We fell in love with our respective husbands in high school; we were in each other's weddings; and although we lived in different cities, we always kept in touch. I told Kenny that you were the strongest, bravest woman in the world. There are no words, Patty. I know that you are planning God's gardens and will be canning and freezing for him. I love you, my precious friend. How I love you. Joanie "Magoo" Guggenmos

Joanie Guggenmos - December 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Many years ago Patty and I became "Pen Pals" and kept in touch with weekly hand written letters. I enjoyed hearing of her grandchildren's accomplishments and her great grandchildren and all the happiness they brought. I loved the cards and letters she sent to me. We were high school friends and graduated from OHS in 1953. We had much in common and keeping in touch was a wonderful experience for me. Patty, I wish you well on your journey and send with you my best to a dear and beloved friend. God Bless!
Amy

Amy Turner - December 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

“ *This is my grandma Patty. She had a wonderful sense of humor and always went above and beyond to make us smile. She consistently put others first, even when it meant sacrificing her quality of life to spend a few more Christmases with her grandchildren. She is the strongest woman I've ever met, beating mouth and throat cancer not once, but twice. This year she gave us another wonderful Christmas Eve and was hospitalized late Christmas day with bronchitis. When I saw her yesterday, she wouldn't even kiss me goodbye because she was so worried about me catching a cold-- that's the kind of woman she was. She was supposed to be discharged this morning, but died unexpectedly in her sleep. Now it is her turn to live pain free, she will not suffer another year. I know she's in heaven finally getting to enjoy the taste of her fabulous Christmas cookies again! She will be incredibly missed. May she rest in peace. -Maddie Horner I will never forget the world's most caring, humble, and sweet grandma. Many mourn and miss her today, but we know she now rests in Heaven. We awoke and remembered you with our tears, but throughout our lives we will continue to honor you with remembrance during selfless acts that you were so famous for. Rest in peace, Nana, and know you have made the world a better place. -McKenzie Horner Words cannot describe how lucky we all were to have had such an amazing grandmother. It's hard to believe we will not be able to see you or hold your hand any time soon but I know you're in a much, much better place and you are FINALLY pain free. We all love and miss you so much already, god really did take the very, very best. RIP Nana â™¥ -Nikki I will always love you. You will never leave me. You will never be forgotten and will always be well loved. â™¥ Rip nana. You are the best grandma a child could dream for. -Kylee Horner Wow, you were/are such an inspiration in my life, every time I've faced something that's seemed hard, or something that I feel is impossible I thought of you and all you've been through to give me strength. Im so thankful to have had you in my life, you always put other people before you, no matter what the circumstance was. I hope I am at least half the person you are. I look up to you every day. But you're finally at peace, and in a better place nana, I know*

god will take great care of you. you will always have a place in our hearts.. RIP we all love you so much. -Austin Horner

Kylee Horner - December 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Patty was truly a wonderful lady. She was always so kind and friendly with a beautiful smile. She fought a brave battle with cancer and will truly be missed. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult days. Love Richard & Darlene Fink*

Darlene Fink - December 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Patty, I will miss you so much. You were a huge inspiration to us all! Love you forever! Dawn*

Dawn - December 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Patty, you will be remembered most for the unconditional love you shared with all of us. You were a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and sister. There was never a time I thought of you as my sister-in-law. You were very simply my sister. You inspired each and every one of us to be the best we could possibly be and we all thank you. We miss you terribly but know you are in a better place where life is peaceful, happy and pain free. Please watch over all of us, especially Kenny, and know we love you very much.*

Connie Medernach - December 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Patty, You were such a true inspiration to us all. Although life will not be the same without you, we are thankful that your pain and suffering have ended. You taught us all how to live life in a more positive and productive way. I know that you are up there watching over us and will still take care of us because that is the kind of person that you were. Love you always, Dawn

Dawn Horner - December 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Although I married into the family later in the time line, Patty treated me as a sister rather than sister in law. She had that special way of making everyone feel important and a part of something special. We rarely saw each other, but before she was diagnosed with oral cancer, we could talk for what seemed like hours on the phone...catching up on what the "Missouri" and "Washington" families were up to. She never forgot special days in my family's lives, always sending cards for birthday, holidays, or "just because I was thinking of you". Even though there were many miles separating us, my children grew up knowing who Uncle Kenny and Aunt Patty were and who all of their children and grandchildren are. We shared our love of family and gardening by phone and mail; sending pictures, recipes, and even garden seed back and forth. Patty you will be missed by all that were blessed to have known you, but I know you will be with us in spirit, watching our every move, guiding us with your love and knowledge, waiting with open arms for us when its our turn to leave this life behind. You will be forever in our hearts.....Joyce, Almus, Annie, and Zachary Allen

Joyce Allen - December 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM