



Patricia Mary Imhof

May 28, 1921 - September 9, 2020

Patricia Mary (Sharkey) Imhof (1921-2020) passed away on September 9, 2020 surrounded by her family.

She was born on May 28, 1921 in Williams Lake, British Columbia to Patrick and Margaret Sharkey. She is preceded in death by her two sisters and their husbands: Alfreda and Riney Schriock and Catherine and Claude Tremelling.

Her family moved to Ferndale, Washington in 1924. Her father passed away when she was six and her mother and sisters worked on their farm where St. Joseph's church is now located.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, St. Mary's Guild, Catholic Daughters of America, and Women of the Moose. She enjoyed the card parties and dances in her early years. Graduated from Ferndale High School in 1939. Her first job was with Brown and Cole putting grocery orders together for customers. She also worked for Haggens (White House Market) before she married.

Pat grew up knowing Frank Xavier Imhof and their first date was to the Schwingfest in Tacoma. They married on November 10, 1945 and moved to their dairy farm on Slater Road, where they farmed together for 30 years. Pat and Frank had eight children who are all still living: Carolyn (Steve) Fay, Frank

(Patti) Imhof, Bob Imhof (Bernie Maier) , Marilyn (Dave) Rasmussen, Jim Imhof, Joe Imhof, Ed Imhof (Cheryl Wilcox), and Darlene (Gary) Patterson. She is also survived by 19 grandkids and 24 great grandkids.

Pat and Frank enjoyed traveling. They attended many Soil Conservation Conventions around the United States. They took several cruises and visited New Zealand where Frank was born. Pat joined her sister Kitty and several of their children for a month long trip to Ireland, England and Wales. She always had a great time.

Pat enjoyed bowling and participated in three bowling leagues over 56 years, stopping play at the age of 97. She loved playing cards – Meldrum or Pinochle – with anyone who would stop in. She said if she owed you money, you would never be broke. In her later years Pat was an avid fan of the Seahawks and Mariners. She watched Jeopardy and the Wheel of Fortune every night and loved to grow flowers. We remember her for her patience, quick smile, home cooked meals and homemade pies. She loved her family well and was well loved in return.

The family is celebrating her life at a private family gathering. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Whatcom Hospice or St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ferndale.

Tribute Wall

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“ Pat was my mother in law and has been my only mother since my mothers passing 5 years ago. They both have left a huge hole in my heart by their passing.

Pat will always be a big part of my life by providing me with a wonderful wife and so many years of joyous smiles and endless love. I will forever be grateful that I was able to be apart of Frank and Pat's family and that they so gracefully accepted my mother and myself with open arm's.

Pat will be greatly missed by family and many friends throughout the world.

Please keep Pat in your hearts, she indeed was a very special lady.
Love you always. Gary.

Gary J Patterson - September 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Although I didn’t get to see Grandma Pat nearly as often as I would have liked, I still keep many fond memories of her: Of course playing cards and the bowling alley but she would also often take care of me when I was sick and my mom had to be at work or school. I also have clear recollections of a lot of time spent on the back porch enjoying good summer weather and eating ice cream—just her and I. Holidays and fruit salad stick out for me as well. I keep a framed picture of her and I together in my home from the day of my college graduation more than 20 years ago. She is also prominently featured in the acknowledgements of my Ph.D. dissertation a few years later with strong mention of her Catholic faith and faith in me to succeed at making my own positive mark on the world. We were able to connect for a visit in the past few years and it was great to be able to share her with my wife and son— like I never left home. If having a native born Texan as a great grandson isn’t a sign of true legacy...I don’t know what is :). I share my deepest condolences with my entire extended family. I will always keep Grandma in my heart and cherish the impact she made on me throughout my life.

Joseph Michael Imhof - September 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM