



## Pat Joyce Vaught

May 8, 1933 - August 6, 2017

Pat Joyce Vaught, 84, of Fort Smith, Arkansas died Sunday, August 6, 2017 in Little Rock, Arkansas. She was born May 8, 1933 in Alix, Arkansas to James Elmer and Mildred Dortha Helmert Zollicoffer. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Sonny Zollicoffer; three nieces, Linda Thomas, Brenda Doss, and Jackie Thomas; and a nephew, Herbie Vaught.

Pat was a retired nurse, giving compassionate and loving care to many. She made a daily menu and loved to cook for her family. She loved to paint and decorate her home over and over again. She loved to celebrate any occasion and you could count on balloons and streamers on your birthday no matter your age. Every holiday was special. The family was blessed with her homemade dressing, but usually the grandchildren got to play catch with her burnt dinner rolls. Christmas was a sight to see, all new comers to the family had never seen such a celebration. She was known for her unconditional love. She never met a stranger; many lives were touched by her acts of kindness. She had a gift of knowing what people needed and doing it without being asked. Her daughters and family would like to thank their father for all the many years of caring for her without complaint. Her faith and hope was the anchor in her life. She was a beloved wife, mother, mema, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend for many. Although we embrace her new journey, she will be mourned and missed and our lives will be changed forever.

Pat is survived by her husband, Kenneth Dale Vaught of Fort Smith; four

daughters, Brenda Patterson and husband David, Sandra Mendenhall, Janice Vaught, and Karen Vaught all of Fort Smith; a sister, Mildred Boley of Dover, Arkansas; and a brother, Mickey Zollicoffer and wife Frances of Alix, Arkansas; eleven grandchildren, Brandon and Bryan Patterson, Nathan, Jett and Caleb Mendenhall, Matthew and Daniel Casanova, Paul Carman Vaught White, Dustin Williams, Jeremy Beck, and Kelly Tamburo; and thirteen great grandchildren.

Family will visit with friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Thursday, August 10th at Shaffer Funeral Home 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Friday, August 11, 2017 at Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel in Ozark with Brother Ted Darling officiating and burial at Houston Cemetery in Alix under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home in Ozark. Serving as pallbearers will be all her grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **10.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
(479) 667-4147  
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## Service

AUG **11.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pat Joyce Vaught*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *In loving memory of Pat Joyce Vaught,*

*I just found out about Pats passing, she was a wonderful and kind person and she will be missed. Our condolences and prayers to Dale and family.. God Bless.. James Holloway and Marilyn Holloway.*

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**james holloway** - December 21, 2017 at 03:20 PM

LZ

“ *Pat was a beautiful lady;*

*I had to go, but I've left behind  
Good memories to comfort you.  
Concentrate on the best times we had,  
And try not to feel so blue.*

*For one day we'll be together again,  
To laugh and sing and play.  
You'll be so glad to see me again,  
It will seem I was gone just one day.*

*So try to lift up your heads now,  
And dare to set grief aside,  
Because I'll be waiting here for you,  
To welcome you to the other side.*

*See you on the other side Pat.*

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**Linda Zollicoffer** - August 11, 2017 at 12:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Pat Joyce Vaught.*



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August 10, 2017 at 10:33 AM

CB

“ Carolyn S. Bowen lit a candle in memory of Pat Joyce Vaught



Carolyn S. Bowen - August 10, 2017 at 08:04 AM

CB

“ I remember Pat from the "old days" of St. Edwards Hospital. Lovely lady and a wonderful nurse. Condolences to all the family.  
Carolyn Bowen  
Lavaca, Ar

Carolyn S. Bowen - August 10, 2017 at 08:03 AM

JM

*I lived just down the street From the Vaughts. Met Janice and Karen when I was 3 yrs. old. Pat was a second mother to me and the girls my best friends. Brenda and Sandy used to "watch" les when Pat was at work. We gave them such a hard time. We were very sneaky and many times they would have to go looking for us. I sure miss Pat but will always hold those wonderful years of memories close to my heart. She was a wonderful lady. I loved her very much.*

Julie Minner - November 11, 2025 at 02:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pat Joyce Vaught.



August 10, 2017 at 01:57 AM

TM

“ Tom and Bill Morgan purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Pat Joyce Vaught.



Tom and Bill Morgan - August 09, 2017 at 08:58 PM

MB

“ Mendenhall Boys purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Pat Joyce Vaught.



Mendenhall Boys - August 09, 2017 at 06:52 PM

DB

“ Dave, Clark, Della, Paulina, Nancy, Bob purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pat Joyce Vaught.



Dave, Clark, Della, Paulina, Nancy, Bob - August 09, 2017 at 04:53 PM

JT

“ JetTech Fleet Services Houston & Dallas Texas purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Pat Joyce Vaught.



JetTech Fleet Services Houston & Dallas Texas - August 09, 2017 at 03:21 PM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Vaught family. I have had the pleasure of running into Karen over the past few years since we graduated from High School. Even though we are "older", losing a parent is not easy. Celebrate her life, her accomplishments, her joys and family. May God Bless each of you.

*Jo Jennings Hall*

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**Jo Jennings Hall** - August 09, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Pat Joyce Vaught.



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August 09, 2017 at 11:05 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Pat Joyce Vaught.



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August 08, 2017 at 10:30 PM

JZ

“ *Such a sweet Lady, Will be greatly Missed.*

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**James Zollicoffer** - August 08, 2017 at 05:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Pat Joyce Vaught.



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August 08, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ *Mr. Vaught, Karen, Brenda, Sandy and Janice I would like for you to know that I join your family in celebration of the life of Pat Vaught who was a remarkable woman and amazing wife and mother and I pray that the hope of Heaven gives each of you peace, and the tender touch of the Father brings comfort to your heavy hearts. love, jane naucke corley*



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**Jane Corley** - August 08, 2017 at 03:57 PM



“ *Dear sweet Pat. Where has time gone. I remember the many times of our family gatherings. You were always there....at every event that family would be going through, you and Dale were always there to support. You always had a smile and so encouraging to everyone. We love you and your sweet family even though years and life seperated us in the last years. I will pray for comfort and peace to the family. God bless.*

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**Rosemary Zollicoffer Long** - August 08, 2017 at 12:35 PM

TM

“ To Mr. Vaught, Brenda, Sandy, Janice, and Karen, I was so sorry to hear about your loss. I have so many memories of Mrs. Vaught I guess what stands out more than any over the years was that she was very caring, always had a great smile, and was always very gracious. As a kid, I remember one time I fell off of a swing in your back yard on 56th lane. Your mom was there to help me up and make sure that I was ok. I remember being out on 56th lane playing baseball with a plastic bat and ball or chasing one of you around one of the houses in the area and your mom making sure we were all ok . Later, as time passed, I will always remember how gracious she was to me when we talked or when I called her. She always made me feel like she was really happy to talk to me. I have told her on several occasions that since my mom had passed away and Susan's mom had passed away, that I looked to her as my new mom. I am so happy we got to talk last Thursday in her room and as a matter of fact, the last thing that I remember saying to her was to tell her again how I looked to her now as my "mom" She held my arm and smiled and said that made her so happy. She will be missed by all who knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this time of sorrow. And to you Mrs Vaught I would say 'THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES" Tom Morgan

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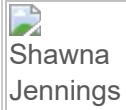
**Tom Morgan** - August 08, 2017 at 08:43 AM

EH

My prayers are with all of you, Pat was a beautiful sweetcaring lady, she has always been someone of my favorite cousins, as a young girl I wanted to grow up and be as beautiful as she was ,and to have a caring heart as her an Mild red had, they have always been in my heart for all the wonderful things they did for my mother my father my sister all of our family they were always there when you needed them and they never failed to be there when someone needs them I don't know how many times over the years I have talked about my cousins Pat and Mildred and told my children and grandchildren what wonderful ladies they were, I will always love and miss her

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**Edith Zollicoffer Hutchison** - August 08, 2017 at 01:24 PM

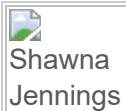


“ *Shawna Jennings lit a candle in memory of Pat Joyce Vaught*



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**Shawna Jennings** - August 07, 2017 at 07:43 PM



“ *My Aunt Pat was my other mother...a true angel on this earth for us to see and learn true love...she supported me through life with many things. My migraines...she took care of me....my children when they were hurt.....my recent surgery...she texted me every day to as how I was despite her own health problems. A truly wonderful amazing woman. Aunt Pat I will miss you dearly. ...give dad a big hug and kiss for me. Rest in Peace now ...you are with us in spirit †❤*

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**Shawna Jennings** - August 07, 2017 at 07:39 PM