



## Patricia Leone Byrd

March 21, 1943 - November 27, 2019

PATRICIA DELORSE BYRD (Mom), passed away Wednesday morning, November 27, 2019 at her home in Huntsville, TX at the age of 76. She was born March 21, 1943 in Zwolle, Louisiana to parents, Nick and Mary Leone. Together with her husband Jerry Pitrucha II, she raised and mothered five children: Tracy Klawinski, Jerry Pitrucha III, Patrick Pitrucha, Angela Garza, and David Pitrucha. She lived to see her grandchildren grow and have children of their own, living the life of a devoted and wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She lived in the Huntsville area for much of the last half of her life, watching the world change over time. She lived the era of Big Bands, 50s Rock & Roll, Elvis, Kennedy, The "Challenger" and 9-11. She gave her heart to God, and walked in faith for more than forty years, praying and believing, fighting the good fight, and eventually answered the call to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ as an ordained minister. She was preceded to that heavenly paradise by husband Jerry, grandson Steven, and daughter-in-law Donna Gail. She was further blessed in life when she met her future husband, best friend, and rocking chair companion, John W. Byrd Jr. They shared secrets, talked about God, and bickered the way that only two souls who loved each other could do. They were married April 8, 2018 in New Waverly, Texas, and there was never more faithful or truer a husband than John. Patricia stepped into this world in poverty, she walked through it with many hardships, burdens and trials; but she left this earthly realm having lived a full life, rich in blessings, rich in love, and an inspiration and beacon of faith

for generations. She never took pride in her own accomplishments, but always swelled with pride for her children. She never knew envy or greed or malice, and though her temper could raise the roof, she was always quick to forgive, and quicker still to ask for forgiveness. In September of 2012 she wrote about peace, saying: "God's peace is that which gives you quietness and assurance. It's peace that flows as a calm river through the dry land of troubles and difficulties. Let calm and peace have the rule today, don't let the cares of this life cause you stress and frustrations rob your peace. Jesus said, 'Abide in Me and I in you, so shall you bring forth much fruit.' Be calm, assured, at rest. Love much, rush not. Sow in prayer, water with trust; you will bear flowers, and fruit of Joy." Come and celebrate the life of Patricia Byrd, Monday evening 6pm to 8pm at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home at 1700 Normal Park Dr, in Huntsville. Her services will be held Tuesday morning at 10am in Oakhurst at Oakhurst Full Gospel church 451 FM 946 in Oakhurst, TX. Immediately following the service the church is providing lunch. Afterward, there will be a private family graveside service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Service

DEC 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Oakhurst Full Gospel Church  
451 FM 946 S  
Oakhurst, TX 77359  
(936) 377-4200

# Tribute Wall



“ *I will always cherish the memories of my dear aunt Pat as a loving mother, grandmother and servant to our Lord Jesus Christ, It was my dear Aunt Pat who lead me to christ when I was just a child at a church revival in the 1970's in Huntsville.  
It's comforting to know that she's with Christ and one day I look forward to seeing her again along with my dear mother and other family members in paradise.*

*Nick Allen Langanke..*

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**Nick Langanke** - August 12, 2023 at 02:58 AM



“ *Patricia Leone Byrd*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

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“ To Tracy, Jerry, Patrick, Angela and David: I am so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. I am also extremely shocked. I was at church last Sunday and Pat wasn't there and I asked Mr. Byrd about her and he said she wasn't feeling well. I never, ever thought I wouldn't see her again. I have been where you are right now and know what you are going through; but rest assured, just as my mother is, Ms. Pat is with our Heavenly Father right now; no pain, no trouble getting around, only love and light in the arms of Jesus.

Mr. Byrd, I'm so sorry for your loss and I thank you for making Pat's last year or so a wonderful time for the both of you. I'm so glad the two of you chose to make Oakhurst Full Gospel church your home church so I could get to see Pat again after many years, and to meet you. The two of you seemed very happy.

Again, my sincere condolences to you all.

Love,  
Connie Durdin

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Connie Durdin - December 02, 2019 at 04:41 PM

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“ Edd & Terry Artherholt sent a virtual gift in memory of Patricia Leone Byrd



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Edd & Terry Artherholt - December 02, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia Leone Byrd.*



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December 01, 2019 at 10:21 PM



“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Patricia Leone Byrd*



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**M. Hyvl** - November 30, 2019 at 11:44 AM