



Patricia Wade Bangert

October 10, 1938 - February 11, 2024

Patricia "Pat" Wade Bangert, 85, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Sunday, February 11, 2024, at Saint Francis Medical Center.

She was born October 10, 1938, in Decatur, Illinois to Thomas Harvey and Virginia Vandivort Beadles. A short time later they moved to Cairo, Illinois while her father proudly served in World War II.

She and Richard Fred "Dick" Bangert were married August 16, 1959, in Cairo, Illinois. He preceded her in death on February 14, 2015.

Pat spent her childhood growing up in Cairo, Illinois and graduated from Cairo High School. She continued her education at the University of Illinois where she joined the Phi Mu Sorority. Up until the last few years, Pat and Dick would meet up with her sorority sisters every year and go on a new adventure.

While at U of I, she started as a chemical engineering major. It was at a fraternity dance that she met the love of her life, Dick Bangert. They enjoyed sorority socials and fraternity dances. It was then that she changed her major to home economics. Her chemical engineering background was not lost but very handy for removing stains from her children's and husband's clothing and while concocting the best home cooked meals for family and friends.

When raising her children, she made most of their clothes by hand. Every Friday night she would fry chicken for not only her family, but also those in the neighborhood.

Pat was a wonderful hostess. She was known for her Halloween Party and "The Great" cookie bake around Christmas. She always looked forward to time with the ones she loved most. She always loved hosting the big holidays of Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas with her family.

The Fourth of July was always a big event known as the Vandivort Family Reunion. It included cherished time with cousins, hours of intense bridge games all through the night, large dinners, and a tour of the farms while celebrating memories from the family and creating new ones.

She also enjoyed the birthday celebrations and fish fries with the Neal, Senn, Schuette, Kahle, Goodwin, Collier, Stover, and Abernathy families.

Dick and Pat were always inseparable and they traveled extensively. She enjoyed fishing and bear hunting in Alaska, trout fishing all over the United States, deep sea fishing in Islamorada, Florida, and a hunting trip to Africa for their 25th wedding anniversary. One thing Dick and Pat also prided themselves on and loved the most was attending every single sporting event, theatre event, and anything/everything they could for their grandchildren.

After Dick passed in 2015, she enjoyed flying in style all over the United States to watch her dual National Champion Visla "Red" compete in dog trials. She also started driving her red Corvette again and became a gym rat while rehabbing from hip, ankle, and knee surgery.

Pat was a great champion of her husband, children, grandchildren, and friends. To say Pat was a force to be reckoned with is an understatement. She

lived life on her own terms and was undeterred by "style changes" and modern developments.

She wasn't afraid to offer her thoughts on a subject but would also listen to yours. She would always bring the hostess of a dinner party flowers and follow it up a few days later with a handwritten thank you note. Pat felt that becoming friends with the waitress was just as important as being friends with the restaurant manager. She had a very large and diverse group of friends and will most assuredly be missed by all of them.

Though we were not prepared for her sudden passing we are thankful that her health did not cause her to give up her car keys nor her independence. She was a special lady who led a great life, and we are thankful for God's blessing and gift of her presence for the last 85 years.

She was a proud member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Missouri. She also belonged to the Professional Home Economists, Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Cape Girardeau Country Club, and was an avid Bridge player.

Survivors include two daughters, Julia (Ken) Kohlberg of Chesterfield, Missouri and Dr. Karen (Tom Muir) Bangert, DVM of Cape Girardeau; a son, Richard Thomas Bangert of Cape Girardeau; seven grandchildren, Laura (Scott) Ozark, Robert Kohlberg, Stephanie Kohlberg, Emily (Scotti Iman) Muir, Patrick Kohlberg, Jessica Muir, and Johnathan (Madison) Kohlberg; two great-grandchildren, Mabry and Madison Ozark; brother, John "Jack" Beadles of Kennesaw, Georgia; sister, Gail (Richard) Hercules of Oxford, Mississippi; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sue and Danny Bangert of Shipman, Illinois; brother-in-law, David Bangert of Carlinville, Illinois; many beloved nephews and their families. Let's not fail to mention her exceptional dog, Bangerts

"Red" Baron and trainer, Brian Gingrich.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a nephew.

Friends may call 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Friday, February 16, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 6:00 pm Friday, February 16, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with G. Kirk Williams officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to First Presbyterian Church of Jackson.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1909
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

FEB 16. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KV

“ Every since I got to Cape Girardeau to go to SEMO at 18, Patty Wade was there for me. Patty Wade and Dick would pick me up at the dorms and Dick would drop us off at Weight Watchers, we would go to our meeting and after we would go to a Chinese restaurant in Cape. I don't believe it's there anymore. But that started a very close relationship between cousins. I will always be thankful for that beginning. I'm still fighting a weight problem but I'm so glad that she was my friend as well as family for all these years. I will always remember the talks and letters we shared over the years. I will miss Patty Wade at the next family reunion that I get too. But I know she will be there because she loved her family and cousins very much. 🌸🌸

Kristen M Vandivort - February 16, 2024 at 09:33 PM

DB

“ ❤️ We knew Pat about 30 years. Always had had a good visit. She will be missed.

Love Cliff and Debbie Bangert

Debbie Bangert - February 16, 2024 at 05:21 PM

SH

“ Sarah H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Wade Bangert.

Sarah H. - February 16, 2024 at 03:07 PM

EM

“ You were my grandmother, mentor, friend, and fashion icon! I miss you more than I ever thought possible. A woman in her thirties trying to navigate life could only be so lucky to be friends with a woman like you -- let alone related and bonded like we were. You stood so tall for all of us, and we all looked up to you. I will look up to you for the rest of my life. I'll close this the same way we'd always end our phone calls -- "love you, love you, love you" -- and I always will.

Emily Wade



Emily - February 15, 2024 at 11:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia Wade Bangert.



February 15, 2024 at 04:19 PM

TC

“ Thomas & Margie, Sandy & Casey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Wade Bangert.

Thomas & Margie, Sandy & Casey - February 15, 2024 at 10:10 AM

TC

“ Thomas & Margie, Sandy & Casey purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Patricia Wade Bangert.



Thomas & Margie, Sandy & Casey - February 15, 2024 at 10:10 AM

YP

“ Your Friends on Armand Place planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Wade Bangert.

Your Friends on Armand Place - February 15, 2024 at 08:49 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia Wade Bangert.



February 15, 2024 at 08:49 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia Wade Bangert.



February 15, 2024 at 08:48 AM

JR

“ We always appreciated Pat's hospitality to us whether in her home or pool. She always wanted to talk & visit and hear what was going on in your life. Thank you Miss Pat

Joan Roth - February 14, 2024 at 11:22 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia Wade Bangert.



February 14, 2024 at 07:19 PM

DB

“ DAN AND SUE BANGERT planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Wade Bangert.

DAN AND SUE BANGERT - February 14, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patricia Wade Bangert.



February 14, 2024 at 06:20 PM

Jl

“ *Jan and Wally Iman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Wade Bangert.*

Jan and Wally Iman - February 14, 2024 at 04:44 PM

Jl

“ *Jan and Wally Iman purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Patricia Wade Bangert.*



Jan and Wally Iman - February 14, 2024 at 04:44 PM