



Patricia Marie Knippen

June 21, 1959 - March 22, 2025

Patricia Marie Knippen, a deeply loved wife, mother, and friend, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family on March 22, 2025, at the age of 65 years old.

Pat was born June 21, 1959, in Lima, Ohio to parents John Madigan Jr. and Luella Madigan (Miller). Pat was the middle child to older sister, Elizabeth Emelko (Madigan), and younger brother, Michael Madigan.

Pat was married to Roger “Joe” Knippen for 42 years, and together they created a beautiful life and raised their triplets: Ashley Knippen, Courtney Knippen, and James “Jim” Knippen. Pat was an unbelievable mother and role model. She never missed any of her children’s appointments, activities, or milestones, making sure they always felt supported and celebrated. Pat’s children were her pride and joy, and she loved them unconditionally. Pat dedicated her life to making sure they were kind, compassionate, and thoughtful people. They are her greatest accomplishment.

Throughout her life, Pat cared not only for her family and children but for countless others. She graduated from Bowling Green State University and began her career as a social worker. For 30 years, Pat worked at Auglaize County Children Services, where she was a fierce protector of vulnerable children and families. She was a trailblazer in her field, and retired as an Administrator of Auglaize County. Shortly thereafter, Pat came out of retirement and continued her work as the Assistant Director of Hardin County Children Services and later transitioned to a Special Victims’ Advocate and

Investigator for the Hardin County Prosecutor's Office. Pat made an immeasurable impact in the lives of so many, inspiring some to even name their children in her honor.

Outside of work, Pat was considered a "Hero for Babies" by the American Red Cross because she regularly donated her blood that was universal and safe for newborns needing blood transfusions. Pat was exceptional in so many ways and always shared her gifts with others. After retirement, Pat hoped to travel and visit her children, volunteer at the NICU to relieve parents who needed a break, and to walk dogs at the Auglaize Humane Society because she couldn't take them all home.

However, Pat was diagnosed with Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) a rare, incurable, and cruel disease. A diagnosis that would lead many into despair, Pat remained steadfast in her joy, kindness, and care for others.

Pat is survived by her husband, children, siblings, uncles, aunts, cousins, and many nieces and nephews. She will be missed beyond what words have the ability to convey.

Pat's celebration of life will take place on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 10am to 1pm at Eley Funeral Home and Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Pat asks that any donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Auglaize County Humane Society. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **29**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ My mother battled multiple sclerosis (ms) disease for about 7 years. Searching for a more natural approach to add to her current regimen, we have been using various alternative methods, and she still experienced difficulty walking despite what Western medicine practitioners predicted. Nothing seemed to work until I found this website [www. madibaherbalcenter. com](http://www.madibaherbalcenter.com) . They said that the doctor has power over difficulty walking disease, so I contacted them via email , and I received responses immediately. After receiving the herbal remedies, my mother used them as instructed. Within seven weeks, my mom went back to her doctor, who informed her that she was completely cured of MS. I never thought this herbal medicine would work, but based on the online testimonies about this doctor curing many diseases, I decided to contact him happily. You can also reach out to them if you have any health problem or disease via [ww w. madibaherbalcenter. com](http://www.madibaherbalcenter.com) . ([madibaherbalcenter. @gmail. com](mailto:madibaherbalcenter@gmail.com)). They have given great relief to patients suffering from all types of diseases including :

1. COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
2. HERPES 1/2
3. Parkinson's
4. ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease)
5. Hepatitis B
6. Emphysema
7. chronic pancreatitis
8. Bronchitis
9. Asthma

10.Acute angle-closure Glaucoma

11.ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

12.CHF

13.Cancer

14.Diabetes

15 Ankylosing Spondylitis

16.CREST Syndrome

17.Acid Reflux

18.Restrictive Lungs Disease

19.Crohn's Disease

20. Alzheimer's Disease

21.Stiff Person Syndrome (SPS)

22.Fibromyalgia

23.Bronchiectasis

24.HPV virus

Barry Kaye - August 16, 2025 at 07:03 PM

PE

“ Living with MSA felt like slowly fading away stiffness, dizziness, and a relentless loss of control. Conventional treatments brought little relief, and hope was slipping away. Out of desperation, I found NaturePath Herbal Clinic. I didn't expect much, but within weeks of starting their natural herbal therapy, I noticed real changes: clearer thinking, better balance, and emotional stability. My symptoms didn't disappear overnight, but for the first time in years, I felt hope. The team at NaturePath is compassionate and truly dedicated to healing. Their support has been a lifeline. If you or a loved one is facing MSA, I encourage you to explore what they offer.
NaturePath Herbal Clinic
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Peter - June 29, 2025 at 10:46 AM

JF

“ Jimmy's Intuitive Work Family purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Patricia Marie Knippen.



Jimmy's Intuitive Work Family - March 29, 2025 at 12:12 PM

JF

“ Jimmy's Intuitive Work Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Marie Knippen.

Jimmy's Intuitive Work Family - March 29, 2025 at 12:12 PM

SH

“ Deepest of sympathies to the Knippen family and to all who experiences this huge loss. I, too, learned so much from Pat as a leader and a friend. I remember the numerous stories of baseball games and family. A true one of a kind angel on earth. Rest high sweet lady.

Sherry - March 29, 2025 at 09:17 AM

AB

“ Unfortunately won't be able to make it today. Had the privilege to work with Pat as my first supervisor in my career profession. Pat was an expert within her field. She was a fierce advocate and had high expectations of her team. She was tough but fair and I've learned a lot from her leadership. Her family though was indeed her joy and first most priority. She'll be incredibly missed. As a leader myself I continue to strive to model the passion Pat had for her work and her family. Thinking of you all.

Allison Bowersock - March 29, 2025 at 08:21 AM

QC

“ Pat was a true advocate for children and families. She was fierce and determined to help those who needed it most. She fought for those who couldn't fight for themselves. She loved her family deeply. I was blessed to work with her for many years at Auglaize County. To Jim, Courtney, Ashley, and Joe..I am truly sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences.

Quincy Coil - March 29, 2025 at 07:28 AM

SB

“ There are no words to adequately express how much I loved and respected this beautiful soul. She believed in me and trusted me to be a mom She brought my children to me and I have a beautiful family because I crossed paths with Patty Madigan. She will be forever missed and always in my heart.

Stephanie Barnett - March 28, 2025 at 01:11 PM

KF

“ Katie & Poorten Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Patricia Marie Knippen.



Katie & Poorten Family - March 28, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Marie Knippen.



March 28, 2025 at 09:38 AM

TL

“ The ladybugs purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Patricia Marie Knippen.



The ladybugs - March 28, 2025 at 07:35 AM

PD

“ Patrick Dustmann purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Patricia Marie Knippen.



Patrick Dustmann - March 26, 2025 at 09:28 PM

LM

“ I worked for Pat for 5 years. During that time my child developed psychiatric behaviors requiring great attention and time for appointments. At one point, I was off work for 7 straight weeks. True to her moral code, Pat supported me in taking care of my family’s needs. Pat did my work during that time. As a boss, she was professional and ran a tight ship. As a friend, her allegiance was rock solid. And sometimes she was more like family. I will hold her memory close. To her family: she beamed when she spoke of you! Even when you annoyed her, as family members do, she had a half grin on her face when she would relate the story. Golly, her capacity for love and caring knew no bounds. I am so better just having known her.

Larry Mosier - March 26, 2025 at 03:32 PM

LH

“ Larry Mosier, Brian Harsh purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Patricia Marie Knippen.



Larry Mosier, Brian Harsh - March 26, 2025 at 11:24 AM

DC

“ David Collins purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Patricia Marie Knippen.



David Collins - March 25, 2025 at 08:38 PM

DC

“ David Collins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Marie Knippen.

David Collins - March 25, 2025 at 08:38 PM

OK

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



ortha knippen-lanoue - March 25, 2025 at 05:30 PM

ZB

“ Zack, Leeah, Zander Brannan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patricia Marie Knippen.



Zack, Leeah, Zander Brannan - March 25, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Patricia Marie Knippen.



March 25, 2025 at 02:17 PM

EM

“ Eric and Angie Mattox purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Patricia Marie Knippen.



Eric and Angie Mattox - March 25, 2025 at 09:45 AM

EM

“ Eric and Angie Mattox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Marie Knippen.

Eric and Angie Mattox - March 25, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia Marie Knippen.*



March 25, 2025 at 09:43 AM



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March 25, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I worked near Pat for many years. She was a caring, compassionate advocate for all children. God Bless her and her family.*

Ardyth Rockhill - March 25, 2025 at 07:37 AM