



## Patricia Barnes

January 29, 1951 - September 20, 2009

Patricia Jean (Bilyard) Barnes, 58, beloved wife of Dale Barnes, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday (Sept. 20, 2009), comforted by the presence of her family. Pat was born in Kankakee on Jan. 29, 1951, to Al and Wilma Jo (Ohmes) Bilyard. She went to Our Lady Academy for grade school and graduated from Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. Pat attended Illinois Wesleyan University and graduated with her nursing degree from Olivet Nazarene College. Pat went on to receive her master's degree in nursing from Texas Women's University. In 1980, she married the love of her life, Dale Barnes. For the past 20 years, they have lived in Racine. Early in her nursing career, Pat worked at Riverside Medical Center. While in Racine, she served as a part-time nurse at Wheaton Franciscan-St. Mary's Medical Center. But Pat's passion was for teaching, and she shared her talents as a nursing instructor at Gateway Technical College-Kenosha, Wis., for the past 19 years. Pat enjoyed reading, spring flowers, summer breezes, fall leaves, winter snow and being with friends -- especially her card club. Above all, she loved her family and treasured all the times spent together. Surviving are her husband of almost 29 years, Dale Barnes of Racine; their son, Matthew D. Barnes of Nashville, Tenn.; sister, Sharon (Deacon Patrick) Skelly; and brother, Michael (Nancy) Bilyard, both of Bourbonnais; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many, many friends too numerous to mention by name. Her parents are deceased. In accordance with Pat's wishes, cremation will take place. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28, at St.

Joseph Catholic Church, 175 S. Main St. in Manteno, with the Rev. Al Heidecke and Deacon Patrick Skelly officiating. Inurnment will follow in Bloom Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, 295 Main St. NW in Bourbonnais. In memory of Pat, memorials should be made out to the family's wishes. A very special thanks to Pat's family members and friends for the many acts of kindness and support extended during Pat's journey with cancer. May God bless all of you!

# Tribute Wall



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“ *Patsy and I go way back to days at OLA. ĩ½Even though I went to Mac and she to B&B, we remained friends. We did ĩ½both become RNs, like we would talk about it in grade school. Our careers took many paths, but we always looked forward to our Christmas cards and catching up on family. She had a real passion for nursing. Even though she struggled with her cancer, she never complained and was always very positive in her cards. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. It is so hard to say goodbye, but take comfort in knowing that her suffering is over. She was a special person and touched so many people in a special way. I will always have fond memories of our childhood together. I am thankful to my sister Joan Hall of Bourbonnais, who called me to tell me of her passing. <br><br>God be with all of you, Patti Keigher Kirk##imported-begin##Patsy Keigher Kirk##imported-end##*

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“ *½PATTY, EVEN THOUGH OUR HEARTS ARE ONCE AGAIN BROKEN - WE KNOW THAT GOD HAD OTHER PLANS FOR YOU AND TOOK AWAY YOUR SUFFERING. ½HOPEFULLY YOU AND DEB ARE LOOKING DOWN ON US AND ENJOYING YOUR NEW LIFE TOGETHER. ½LOVE YOU ALWAYS, AUNT NORMA & UNCLE DICK##imported-begin##UNCLE DICK & AUNT NORMA##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Sharon, Pat and family,<br><br>Although we did not know your sister, we do know that she held a special place in your hearts. Her struggle is now over and she is with her Lord.<br><br>Know you are in our thoughts and prayer.<br><br>Wayne and Cheryl##imported-begin##Cheryl Segneri##imported-end##*

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“ *Not many people make an impression on our lives thru the years, but Pat surely did. I will always remember her laugh and how she was concerned for others. She was a great friend to everyone. Her smile and love of people was something that stood out the minute you met her.<br><br>I have thought of her often thru the years. I am sure she will be missed terribly. Your heart will be full of sadness, but also fond memories. God Bless.##imported-begin##Jo Ann Ford ( Bourassa)##imported-end##*

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“ Sharon and Pat and Mike and family, So sorry to hear about Patty. I knew she wasn't doing well but it still was hard when I saw the notice in the paper. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Linda Sederstrand Graveline##imported-end##

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