



## Patricia Martel

March 5, 1945 - December 13, 2009

Patricia “Patty” L. Martel, 64, Bismarck, ND, passed away December 13, 2009, in a Bismarck Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 am Thursday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-South Campus, Washington Street and Divide Avenue, Bismarck, with Rev. Jeff Tengesdal officiating. Burial will be held at the North Dakota Veteran’s Cemetery, Mandan. A prayer service will be held at 7:00 pm Wednesday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Patty was born March 5, 1945, in Fargo, ND, the daughter of Conrad and Ida Bentz Presser. She was the older of two siblings. She graduated from Bismarck High School in 1963. On December 26, 1965, she married Richard Martel. She graduated from the St. Alexius School of Surgical Technology and was employed in that field for many years. She worked at Provident Life Insurance Company in Bismarck for several years. She loved and was devoted to her work with the Sisters of the Annunciation Monastery at University of Mary. She is survived by her husband, Richard “Rick”; her sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Shelly Martel, Bismarck, ND, and Eric and Lisa Martel, Dickinson, ND; her daughter and son-in-law, Stacey and Mark Hakanson, Wilton, ND; her sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Wayne Reuther, Bismarck, ND; her grandchildren, Ciara and Jake Martel, Bismarck, ND, Alexa and Tate Martel, Dickinson, ND; and JC, Jesston, and Jaron Hakanson, Wilton, ND; Chuck McIlwain “Col Mac”, Spring City, TN, who was the brother she never had; and many special nieces, nephews as well as many special friends. She was

preceded in death by her parents. Patty was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She cherished her husband, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. Patty loved to make big meals on the weekends for her family and friends, which was always followed by a bowl of her famous homemade ice cream and hot fudge. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to The American Cancer Society or the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

GH

“ We were so sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Patty. We always enjoyed times spent with her and Rick. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this very difficult time. Patty will be greatly missed by her family and friends. God's blessings to you all.

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**Gloria Hakanson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. PATTY WAS A HARD WORKING, SPECIAL LADY. SHE'LL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.

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**CAROL VOEGELE** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Rick and family, Sorry to hear about your loss. Patty was a wonderful person who always gave us a warm welcome whenever we stopped by on our way home from one of our hunting trips. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**Marilee Hosman Pershke** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Rick, Stacy & families: Our thoughts & prayers are with you at the this difficult time in your lives. Patty will be missed by many. I remember Rick's birthday party at Stacy's and the fun we had with you ALL. We will continue to keep you all in our thoughts & prayers. Take Care & God Bless You !!

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**David Flath Family** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dear Rick, Terry, Eric, Stacey & Families, We want to express our sincere sympathy and will keep you in our loving thoughts and prayers. We feel very blessed that we got to know Patty and hope all your many wonderful memories will help you get through this most difficult time. May God Comfort You, Dennis & Sharon

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**Dennis & Sharon Kvalheim** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Rick and Family, So very sorry to hear about Patty. Your wonderful memories will take you through the tough times and we hope all those good times will comfort you. Our thoughts and prayers always. Dave and Charlene

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**Dave & Charlene Schmaltz** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Dear Rick and family: We are very sorry to read the loss of Pat. We will remember her in our thoughts and prayers In Sympathy, Jack and Jan Eiseman

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**Jack and Jan Eiseman** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Rick and family, Our deepest sympathy and our prayers go to you and your family. It's hard to put into words what the Martel family has meant to our family over the past how many years? Patty and Rick were always considerate, giving and concerned. They were fun to be around and they always cherished family. Even though Patty gave me grief, especially about my Jeep, asking me if I wanted it washed, she could put it in the bathtub! While Patty will be greatly missed, the great memories will live on, her sense of humor and laugh will live on. We love the Martel family, we will miss her and cherish the memories. Love you much, Rick and if you ever need anything, call us and we'll be there, just as you and Patty have been! Pam and Jon Hanson

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**Pam and Jon Hanson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Stacey, We are thinking of you and all of your families. Sending you a hug from us. Cheryl and Nicole

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**Cheryl & Nicole Anderson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Melissa and I are Fulltime ND National Guard Soldiers deployed in Kosovo and have known Rick for many years. We wanted to let the Martel's know we are very sorry for your family's loss.

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**Dallas & Melissa Shipley** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Being Karen's best friend in high school I got to spend a lot of time with Patty as well. She always had a smile and a laugh to share. You have my greatest sympathy for your loss. You will be in my prayers and thoughts during this time of sorrow.

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**Anita Knight-Barnes** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Rick, Terry, Eric and Stacy, My heart felt sympathy goes out to you all. I wish I was able to be there with you all in this time of need. Though there will always be the many questions in your mind of why now and how come, rest assured that your wife, mother and grandmother is and will be forever in great hands. This is never an easy process to go through but as a family with strong ties, I know you will all become stronger yet as you all move on is your lives. This is what Patty would want and I will also have a missing link in my life as she was always my Bismarck Mom. I give you all my greatest sympathy from a friend 6000 miles way.

Jack, Vaune, BJ and Haylee Cripe - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. She will be deeply missed by all. Take care and our thoughts are with you and your family.

Gwen Jung and family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Rick Martel and family My condolence and prayers go out to you and your family. I am deployed to kosovo right now and sorry I cannot be there to support you. But know my thoughts and prayer go out to you and your family  
SFC Kelly Elkin  
NDARNG

kelly elkin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Rick, We are so sorry to hear of Patty's passing. Know that you are in our hearts and prayers during this time. I've always valued our friendship and having known Patty, she was a gem. Take care of yourself and our sympathy to the entire family.  
Pat & Mary Richards

Pat & Mary Richards - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Rick and family: Just want to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**Jim Hilzendeger** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Terry, Shelly, and family - I am so sorry for your loss. Patty was a wonderful woman and I remember her fondly. Jesse

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**Jesse Armstrong** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Rick and family, We share your sorrow and grief at the loss of Patty and extend our sincere sympathies. Patty was a special person who provided lasting memories to everyone she came in contact with. You and your family are in our prayers and we sincerely hope that God's comfort and grace will sustain you, bring you peace and replace your pain with everlasting memories of a very dear loved one. Sandy, Julie, Susie and Rich

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**Sandy and Rich Willows** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Sorry for your loss. Patty was a great lady! In the summer Patty would be driving home and you can see our house from the road, and if we were out in the yard or driveway Patty would pop over just to say hello and see how we were all doing and visit with her newpew, Craig. She will be greatly missed!

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**Kevin, Steph and Kaitlyn Thompson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Patty was a special person and will always hold a place in my heart and on my mind. I wish I could have sang as a tribute for her but I have four holiday music programs this week. My thoughts are with you all.* Love Ronda

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**Ronda Willows** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *I worked with Patty for many years at the old Mandan Hospital and loved her sense of humor! She was a good friend and coworker and will be missed. My condolences to the family and my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Judy Maurer** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Just remembering the old fishing days down at Beaver Creek and the fun times we had even when it rained. My prayers are with you Rick, Terry, Eric and Stacy*

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**Betty Dietrich** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“ *Rick and Family, We are very sorry for your loss. It was quite a shock when we found out and words cannot express how awful we feel for you right now. Patty was a great lady and wonderful friend. We spent many hours sitting on the deck sharing "gossip" and laughter. It never failed she would always have popsicles in the summertime for Erika and "Oly" Olivia. She will be deeply missed.*

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**Lana Zimmerman** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ When I think of Patty two things pop into my mind immediately. First, she had a very good sense of humor. I can still remember a few jokes she told me nearly two decades ago. Secondly, she was very good at cooking the various critters the boys including Rick brought home. Roasted goose and pheasants were my favorites. My sincerest sympathies are with you.

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**Darren Martel** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I was saddened to hear of Patty's death. I worked with her at the Mandan hospital many years ago and always enjoyed working with Patty. She was such a spunky lady and so full of life. Her sense of humor and her no-nonsense way of thinking was always appreciated and will always be remembered for that. My sincerest sympathy to the family. God Bless and now the Lord has another angel.

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**Lisa Holst** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ To the family of Patty Martel, my heart goes out to each of you in this hard time. I'm honored to have had the priveledge of calling Patty my aunt! I hope all of you can celebrate her life and remember all of the good times you all had as a family.

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**Brandon Martel** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ To the Martel family,I extend my sincere and prayerful sympathy to all of you who loved Patty.We were so blessed to have her share so much with us at Annunciation Monastery.She was very much part of our family and knew us all. I pray that she shares now her heavenly home with loved ones and pray that God welcomes her with an eternal embrace of love, joy and peace.May you all be comforted in the love and support of family and friends.Sincerely, Sister Susan Lardy

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**Sister Susan Lardy** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Stacey and family,So sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. Be thankful for no more suffering. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very difficult time.

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**Nicole Nodland** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM