

**Patricia Padjen Whitehead**  
**"Patsy"**  
**"Buba Pat"**



"Today we lost one of the good ones."

Pat passed away on Monday, March 26, 2012 with her family by her side after a long and courageous battle with acute leukemia. Pat was born on June 19, 1936 in Murray, Utah to Ivan and Anna R. Padjen. She was the youngest of seven children. Pat graduated from Jordan High School. Pat married her one and only love, Don Whitehead on February 11, 1956. Together they were blessed with two children, Jim and Marci.

Pat was employed as an administrative assistant, retiring as a legal secretary for Jay Curtis at Ray Quinney and Nebeker. Pat had the exceptional gift to make friends easily and nurtured these friendships throughout her lifetime. Her infectious smile and genuine love and concern for others was deeply felt by the lives she touched. Her life was filled with loving service to her family, friends and church. Never a special occasion passed that Pat wasn't there to offer comfort with a special note, homemade cookies or soup. Holidays were especially wonderful with special treats made with love from her spotless kitchen.

Pat is survived by her brothers, George, Matt and Joe; son, Jim (Cindy); daughter, Marci (Eric); four grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers, Lee, John, Nick; sister, Louise Pestotnik.

Throughout her illness she was an example to all with her faith and amazing strength to endure to the end. The family would like to thank her many friends and family members who brightened her days with visits and kindness. A special thanks to the wonderful and competent care provided by Mary Kay Lowe and the entire staff at the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The family also expresses sincere gratitude to Charlotte and Debbie, her girls at the Alta View Infusion Center.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012 at St. Therese Catholic Church, 624 W. Lennox, Midvale, Utah. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. (Holy Rosary at 7:30 p.m.) on Thursday evening at Goff Mortuary, 8090 S. State Street and 1 hour prior to the services, at the church. Interment, Redwood Memorial Estates.