

SHEA, Patricia Ann "Patsy" (Jensen)

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Patricia Shea

Patricia is pictured second from left with her close friends

The world lost a truly great woman on December 30, 2008, when Patricia (Patsy) Ann Shea died peacefully in her sleep. Patsy was born on May 13, 1952 in Viborg to Noble and Melissa (Nielsen) Jensen. The youngest of four girls, Patsy was a spit-fire. She loved riding cows on the farm with her cousin Roxie and spending summer days with her family on Swan Lake.

Patsy met Tom Shea while they were both students at Dakota State College in Madison. They married on December 31, 1972. They were partners in every sense of the word and showed what true love really meant. They cheered the Cubs and the Packers together and she was the loudest cheerleader for Tom's numerous football teams.

Patsy returned to Dakota State and earned her B.S. in elementary education in 1984. During her life, she wore many hats: teacher, bookstore manager, intramural director, and residential housing director.

Her forte, however, was being a mom and grandma (ma'ama). In a word, she was awesome. With just a look or soothing voice, she magically made troubles disappear. Even as her kids reached adulthood and beyond, they still called her daily or weekly with one question or another. She relished her time with her grandkids and loved those times when her family spent time together.

She was preceded in death by her parents Nobel and Melissa.

Patsy is survived by her husband Tom of Madison; children Betsy of West Union, IA, Wendy of Baton Rouge, LA, Corey (Lisa) of St. Peter, MN, Peggy and Patrick of Madison; her grandchildren Joey, Macauley, and Mia Shea; her sisters, Susan (Jerome) Edelman of Menno, Jeanie (Don) Gerdes of Hurley, and Vikkie (Gary) Bak of Viborg; her sister-in-law Debra (Thomas) Grayson of Phoenix, AZ; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.