



## Patricia Sweeney

July 19, 1928 - April 12, 2009

Patricia Russo Sweeney, 80, of Fort Collins, passed away Sunday, April 12, 2009 at Good Samaritan Village in Fort Collins. Patricia was born on July 19, 1928, to Anthony T. and Dolores Fegan Russo. Patricia graduated from Simmons College (BA), Boston University (MA), and University of Southern California (Ed.D). In 1951, Patricia was married to Joseph A. Sweeney, in Boston, Mass. In 1965, Patricia was married to her second husband, Wyatt Ruther, in San Francisco, Calif. Prior to moving to Fort Collins five years ago, Patricia lived in the San Francisco Bay area, New York City, and Boston, where she was an educator. Patricia was a lifelong Catholic and progressive Democrat. Her family and friends will always remember her great love for literature, the arts, classical music, jazz, opera, theatre, and ballet. Survivors include Patricia's two sons, Joseph (Lynn), of Fort Collins, and Mark, of Loveland; two grandchildren, Daniel and Laurel; one sister, Dolores Gahan, of Marin County, Calif. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, Anthony and Dolores ; aunts, uncles, and her two former husbands. Memorial contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Village of Fort Collins, 508 E. Trilby Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525; or Hospice of Larimer County, 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525. Cremation has been completed by Goes Funeral Care; a private family service will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Sweeney*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I met Patricia at Saint Peter's Church ,always with a smile ,never say no when we needed her help at the Church ,as Eucharistic Minister she was my favorite ,because I can always feel her peace during the communion . You never forget a person like Patricia ,kind and very spiritual*

*God is happy to have you close to Him*

*Ivette Mendieta*

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**Ivette** - August 05, 2019 at 08:37 AM



“ *Joe and Lynn,*

*Please know that our thoughts are with you all as you go through this. As neighbors and knowing our connections through the school district, I know that you are GREAT folks....you're mom must have been a great person also.*

*Peace be with you all!*

*Diane - Wellington Jr. High*

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**Diane Johnson** - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Joe, Lynn, Dan, and Laurel,

*While I didn't know Patricia, I do know you all well enough to know that your mom, mother-in-law, and grandma must've been a wonderful woman. I can't imagine how much you're missing her! I just wanted to let you know that Jim, Molly, Erin, and I are thinking of you.*

*Love,  
Brenda*

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**Brenda Rader Mross** - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Joe, Lynn, Dan, and Laurel, Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this difficult time. We know how loved Patricia was and she will be missed. I know Jefferson and Laurel enjoyed visiting their grandma's together. Please let us know if you need anything. Jefferson really misses you guys. Love, Kurt, Stacey, Christopher, Payton, and Jefferson Clow

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**Clow Family** - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ I will remember always our thoughts and happy days together. My sympathy to your family.

*-Gloria Murray*

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**Gloria E. Murray** - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Joe,Lynn and family,

*We're saddened by your loss but glad your mom lived close and was such an important part of your lives. I'm sure she loved watching the kids turn into such great young adults.*

*The world needs more people to follow her lead and become progressive Catholic Democrats!*

*Our best to you,  
Mishelle, Bob, Arin and Kelsey Baun*

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**Mishelle Baun** - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ *I will always remember Pat as my mentor and friend. I was her instructional assistant in San Rafael. She was such a classy lady. She loved education and her boys, Joe and Mark. May cherished memories comfort your hearts and ease your sadness. Love, Hilda*

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**Hilda Ramirez** - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *I worked with Pat in the San Rafael schools. She was my principal one summer and was a delightful person with whom to work. She genuinely loved the students and made sure school was a happy, meaningful experience for them. I was saddened to read of her passing. I know you must be feeling a great loss. Yours, Barbara Belluomini*

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**Barbara Belluomini** - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ From Paul & Elaine to Joe, Mark, Lynn, Dan & Luarel. We remember Patricia as a wonderful grandmother to Dan & Laurel. They were her pride and joy. She was a part of our family at our family gatherings throughout the years. We will miss her and remember her in our prayers.

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**Paul & Elaine Tegeler** - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ My thoughts and prayers to Patricia's family.  
Claire Eckley

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**Claire Eckley** - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM