



## Patricia Hansard Akin

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Patricia “Pat” Akin passed away at home in Suwanee, GA early in the morning on June 12, 2024. She had suffered with grace and laughter while being bedbound for 2 ½ years from a broken hip, still participating in women’s bible study and keeping up with all the British mystery shows with her family.

Pat was born at Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta on March 28, 1932. In 1937 she sustained a skinned knee that led to a life-threatening infection in her left hip – in that pre-antibiotic time, the medical team simply removed her hip joint and did their best to keep her alive. It was during this long hospitalization at age 5 that Pat first dreamed of becoming a nurse. After spending a year in a full-body cast and delaying her first year of school, she overcame many physical limitations to graduate from Brown High School in West End in 1950, heading straight to nursing school at Crawford Long. A stint at UNC – Chapel Hill during 1956-1958 led to an associate degree in Public Health, which she put to use in her some 25+ years as a county and state public health nurse. Throughout her life, Pat was a devoted follower of Jesus, always seeking ways to serve Him in the Body of Christ. She wholeheartedly threw herself into working with youth, singing in the choir, or participating in the United Methodist Women in each church she called home. She tended to everyone, be it family or friend, using her nursing skills to care for all she met in life. After diligent genealogy research, she became a proud member of the Georgia chapter of the DAR. Pat’s passions throughout her 92 years included reading,

camping and the outdoors, traveling, Bible study, and loving on her dear friends and family.

Pat is survived by her family:

Daughter, Phyllis Akin Remke, husband Matt Remke of Suwanee

Son, Phillip Akin, fiancé Tracy Poole of Gainesville

Grandchildren, Benjamin Remke, Patrick Remke and Kathryn Remke

Sister-in-Law, Nancy Hansard of Braselton

Cousin, Mary Lou Stephens of Gainesville

Many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews

She was preceded in death by her parents, mother Ethel Davis Hansard and father James Peyton Hansard; brothers James Peyton Hansard, Jr. and William Henry Hansard II; daughter Patricia Ann Turpin; grandson Samuel James Remke.

There will be a time of visitation at Flanigan Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. A Celebration of Life Service at Duluth First UMC will be held on Wednesday, June 19 with visitation at 10:00 a.m., service at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon reception in the fellowship hall. Entombment will be at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens in Buford at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to:

- The United Methodist Women of Duluth First UMC, 3208 Duluth Hwy 120, Duluth, GA 30096
- The BLOCK Community Outreach, 4600 Nelson Brogdon Blvd, Suite B, Sugar Hill, GA 30518

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 South Lee Street  
Buford, GA 30518

## Visitation

JUN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Duluth First United Methodist Church  
3208 Duluth Hwy  
Duluth, GA 30096

## Celebration of Life

JUN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Duluth, GA 30096

## Entombment

JUN 19 (ET)

Broadlawn Memorial Gardens  
5979 New Bethany Rd  
Buford, GA 30518

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Pat was a member of our SundaySchool Class at OGUMC for many years. She was real sweet and a valued friend. We missed her when she moved out of the community. Our sympathy to Phyllis and Phillip on the loss of your mother. Marijo & Jerry Culwell

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**marijo & jerry culwell** - June 17, 2024 at 01:06 PM

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“ Pat was a steady client for many years at my hair salon. It was always a joy to see her walk in the door so full of love and positivity. One of the many things that stand out to me was her love for her family. She was always talking about them and what a blessing they were in her life and how thankful she was for each one of them. She was a most caring, loving and generous lady and I know she will be missed by not only her family but all who were fortunate enough to know her personally. My sincere prayers go out to her beloved family. May your hearts begin to heal and uplifted in knowing that she is at rest with the Lord now. Love to all! Shirley McCarley

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**Shirley McCarley** - June 16, 2024 at 08:59 AM