



Patricia J. Brighton

March 19, 1931 - January 14, 2025

Patricia J. Brighton, age 93, of Brimley, Michigan, died on January 14, 2025. Her final days were spent peacefully in hospice, surrounded by her children. She was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan on March 19, 1931, to Philip and Dorothy (Welch) Robischung.

Pat attended Nazareth Academy and West Michigan University in Kalamazoo, before moving to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, after her marriage in 1953. She worked for several years for the post commander at Camp Lucas and then moved to Brimley for eight years. It was there that she was asked to climb a fire tower and watch for fires for the USDA Forest Service. That job was short-lived as she was offered a position in their local office as a secretary, returning her to the Soo in 1963. She continued working for the Forest Service for twenty-nine years of federal service. In 1991, she retired from a job that not only she liked, but that she made many lifelong friends doing.

In 2000, Pat moved to her summer home at Bay Mills Point, which she winterized and added an addition, personally designing and measuring everything in detail. She often said how happy she was at “Brighton Beach” and how moving there was one of the best decisions of her life. She lived there year-round, appreciating her home, church and community.

Pat was a member of the Soo Penny Ante Investment Club, founding member

(and board member) of the Northern International Crime Stoppers for 24 years, dedicated blood donor, volunteer for the CC Hall spaghetti night dinners, member of the LSSU Elders and was a founding member of the BMBs (Bay Mills Bunch), whom she cared for quite deeply. Over the years the group of close friends met weekly for breakfast at the Bay Mills Casino, dinner on Sundays at the Cozy Inn and enjoyed gatherings to celebrate birthdays, holidays and other special occasions.

Throughout Pat's life, she enjoyed her many friends, travel, family visits, gardening, feeding her birds and her many beagle dogs - especially her beloved Shadow. She was an avid fan of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race and followed it faithfully every March.

Pat is survived by her son, Mark Brighton of Manistique, Michigan; daughters, Lisa Brighton of Berkley, Michigan and Terri Brighton of Havelock, North Carolina; granddaughters, Amber Onizuk and Ashley (Christopher) Behm; and five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Philip and Dorothy; and former husband, Jack Brighton.

Visitation will be held at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church in Brimley on January 20, 2025, from 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. with a Mass to be held at 1:30 P.M. Coffee and light food to follow.

Pat's final resting place will be at Mission Hill Cemetery in the spring, 2025.

Memorial contributions may be left to the Chippewa County Animal Shelter, 3660 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, 49783, Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, 49783 or Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church, 12014 W. Lakeshore Drive, Brimley, Michigan, 49715.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.
Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Cemetery Details

Mission Hill Cemetery

Bay Mills Township
14740 W. Lakeshore Dr.
Brimley, MI 49715

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church
12014 Lakeshore Drive
Bay Mills, MI 49715

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Mass

JAN 20. 1:30 PM.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church
Bay Mills, MI

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia J. Brighton.*



January 18, 2025 at 07:32 AM



“ *Mark and Nancy Chronowski purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Patricia J. Brighton.*



Mark and Nancy Chronowski - January 17, 2025 at 07:06 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia J. Brighton.*

January 17, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia J. Brighton.*



January 17, 2025 at 01:30 PM

LM

“ Love & Sympathy, Jim & Connie Mancini purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Patricia J. Brighton.



Love & Sympathy, Jim & Connie Mancini - January 17, 2025
at 10:15 AM

RJ

“ Rod and julie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia J. Brighton.

Rod and julie - January 17, 2025 at 09:05 AM

RJ

“ Rod and julie purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Patricia J. Brighton.



Rod and julie - January 17, 2025 at 09:05 AM

JC

“ We are so sorry to hear. We wish we could be there for you but we are are out of town! We still have Pat'a present of a stuffed shed dog pup we got her in Alaska we'd like to give to you.
Lots of love
Joe and Patty Carrick

Joe Carrick - January 16, 2025 at 10:08 PM

TB

Joe & Patty, my Mom loved you both so much. I'd be honored to accept her Sled Dog stuffie. My cell is 252-670-5893 if you want to arrange a meet up. Thank you for caring so much about my Mom. ❤️

Terri Brighton - April 10, 2025 at 03:53 PM

JJ

“ I remember Pat Brighton from my high school years. A very pretty lady who went out of her way to help students involved in athletics while her husband was coach. She was an inspiration. Our sympathy and prayers go to her family. Judy and Jerry Jones.

Judy Jones - January 16, 2025 at 08:09 PM

TB

What a great memory. Thank you so much for sharing it with us. ❤️

Terri Brighton - April 10, 2025 at 03:54 PM



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“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia J. Brighton.



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EI

“ Edward A Hancock III planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia J. Brighton.

Edward A Hancock III - January 16, 2025 at 06:11 PM

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“ Edward A Hancock III purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Patricia J. Brighton.



Edward A Hancock III - January 16, 2025 at 06:11 PM