

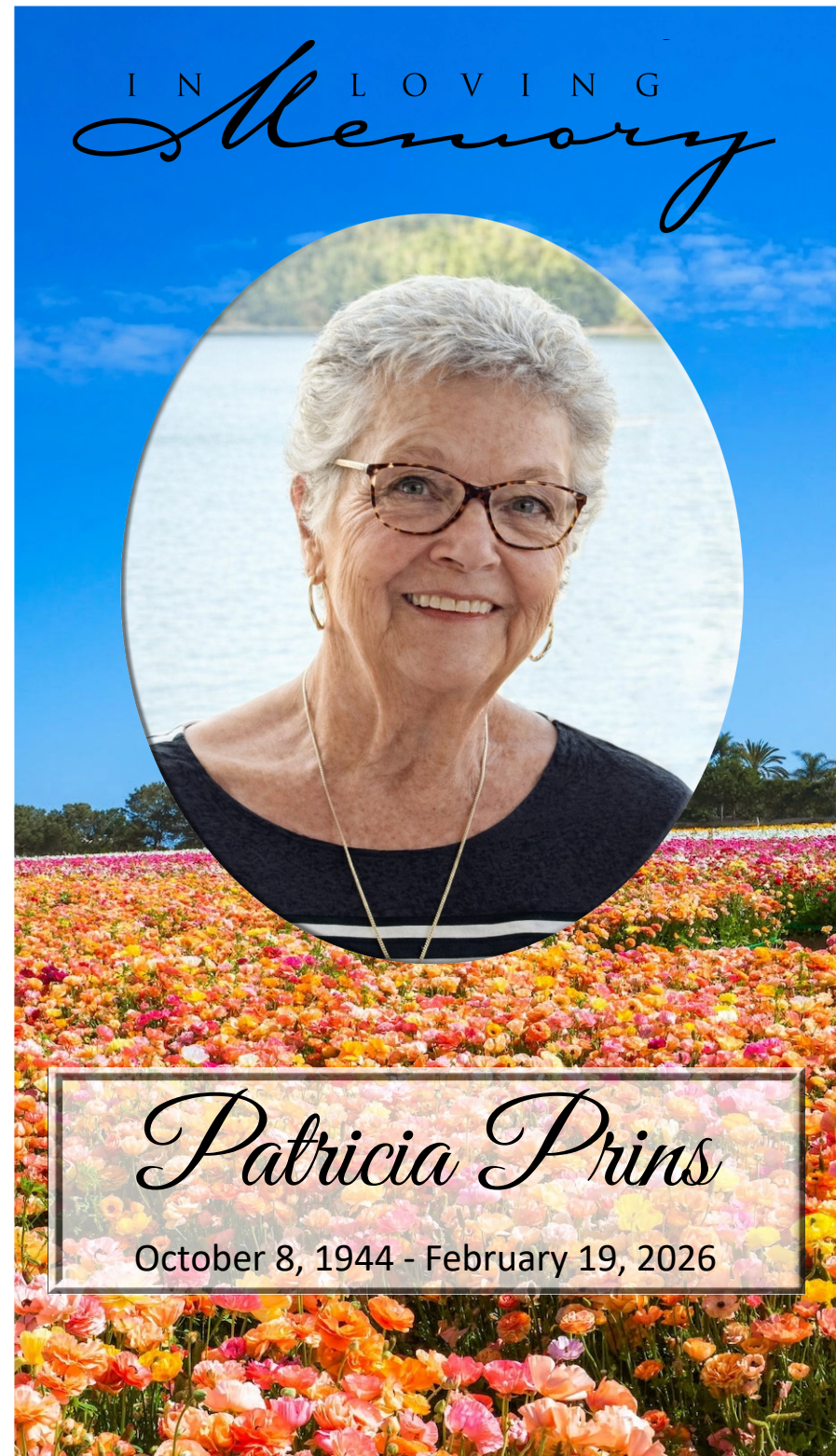
## Miss me – But let me go

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free.  
Miss me a little, but not too long,  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me, but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know,  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
Miss me, but let me go.

— Anonymous



*Patricia's family members would like to express their sincere appreciation for your presence these past days and for any memorials or gifts that have been given to them in memory of Pat.*



**Patricia Ann (Mouw) Prins** was born to William and Margaret (De Boer) Mouw on October 8, 1944 on a farm near Leota, Minnesota and the family moved to the big city of Leota when Pat was two years old. She attended Leota Christian School and then Southwest Christian High School in Edgerton, Minnesota. She professed her faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior at Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church (now Leota Community Church) in Leota. She started dating Stan Prins while in high school and after two years, the two tied the knot on August 17, 1962. They were committed to each other for 63 years. She will be missed.

Pat was an energetic person. In her grade school years, she would earn some money by washing egg hatching pans for her brother, John in the hatchery. When in high school, she worked for her brother, Gordon in the grocery store and helped to order, stock, and help customers check out. She also did a lot of babysitting for her siblings and others. Once out of high school, she got married and lived in Leota for two years before moving to Redlands, California where she spent 46 years. During this time, she raised two children, Ryan and Shellisa. She was involved with school activities, managed Calvinettes, and supplied flowers for church. She had a day care license and took care of several babies. Then she cleaned houses for a few people. One day she hurt her back so decided that was enough and went to beauty school and received her license to become a beautician. She did that for many years. During that time, she enjoyed riding on the back of the motorcycle, traveling over all of the western states and Canada. (She also was a travel agent for 5 years.) In 2012, she moved back to Leota to the house she grew up in. Then in the winters, she would spend time as a snow bird in Arizona and California. She loved to cook, grow flowers, and do crafts and projects.

In May, 2024, she was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer. Since that time, there were many trips to Sioux Falls and Pipestone for treatments. She was praying for a miracle but that was not meant to be. In June, 2025, she took two months off of treatments and flew to California to see her children, some of the grandchildren and some of the great-grandchildren. She truly enjoyed her time spent there.

She passed away on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton at the age of 81.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Stan, of Leota; two children and five grandchildren, Ryan (Lori) Prins of Redding, California and their son, Aaron, and Shellisa Prins of Ranchita, California and her four children, Kenneth "KC", Ciera, Camille, and Zoe; sister, LaVonne Hulstein; and sister-in-law, Elaine (Spiksma) Mouw. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Margaret (De Boer) Mouw; brothers, John William (Lillian) Mouw and Gordon Mouw; and her brother-in-law, Gary Hulstein.

In Loving Memory Of

*Patricia Prins*



**Funeral Service**

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 - 10:30 AM  
Leota Community Church - South Campus  
Leota, Minnesota

**Officiating** - Rev. Michael Scott

**Family Memories** - Aaron Prins

**Scripture Readings**

Psalm 23

II Corinthians 4 I Corinthians 15

**Pianist** - Lisa Vander Maten

**Soloist** - Myron Hulstein

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

**Congregational Hymns**

"In The Garden"

"On Eagle's Wings"

"It Is Well With My Soul" vs. 1 & 4

"I'll Fly Away" vs. 1, 2, & 3

**Honorary Casket Bearers**

Michael Mouw Jerry Dale Hulstein

**Casket Bearers**

Ryan Prins Aaron Prins

Brad Mouw Myron Hulstein

Wayne Mouw Craig Mouw

**Interment**

Leota Community Cemetery  
Leota, Minnesota

Arrangements Entrusted To  
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME