

Patricia Erma Jean Thiel, the daughter of Charles and Norma (Brewer) Emmons, was born on March 2, 1948, in Greeley, Colorado. She graduated from Allen High School in Nebraska in 1966. Following high school, she attended Wayne State College, receiving her bachelor's degree in 1970. She then began working in Mallard and Ruthven teaching home economics and typing. On August 3, 1974, she was united in marriage to Charles Henry Thiel at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Graettinger.

After marriage, Pat helped Charles on the farm, then worked at Horizons for a few years, and returned to teaching special education at various schools. She was a long-time substitute teacher and was then hired full time in Okoboji. She later taught in Alden, Minnesota for two years, then the Alternative High Schools in Fairmont, Emmetsburg, Elmore Academy and Laurens Marathon. She ended her work career as a secretary at the Fairmont Clinic.

Pat was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Graettinger, taking part in teaching Catechism, Catholic Daughters of America, Rosary Society, and making altar clothes at church. She enjoyed sewing potholders and clothing, including her own wedding gown, making quilting blocks for quilts, and both floral and vegetable gardening. She canned and froze her own garden vegetables. In retirement, Pat collected sewing machines. She thought that if the guys could collect tractors then she could collect sewing machines.

Left to cherish Pat's memory is her son, Charlie Thiel of Graettinger; a brother, Phillip Emmons of South Sioux City, NE; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Norma; husband, Charles; and brothers, George and Charles Emmons.

The family would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy, and invite you to join them for a luncheon following the service at the cemetery.

In Loving Memory of Patricia Erma Jean Thiel

March 2, 1948
Greeley, Colorado

March 29, 2026
Estherville, Iowa

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

10:00 AM Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Graettinger, Iowa

Celebrants - Rev. Brian Feller and Deacon John Rudd

MUSIC

Athlyn Black - Organist

Susan Koenck - Cantor

"Amazing Grace" - "I Am The Bread Of Life"

"One Bread One Body" - "O Loving God"

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Let The Holy Anthem Rise"

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Lynette Kleckner - Kimberly Burnham

Mary Herke - Barbara Graber - Anastasia Kvam

D.D. Thomsen - Cody Wolcott - Stephanie Wolcott

CASKET BEARERS

Steven Emmons - Troy Emmons

Brian Emmons - Chris Petersen - David Petersen

Michael Petersen - Jonathan Petersen - Gary Thomson

INTERMENT

St. Jacob's Catholic Cemetery
Graettinger, Iowa

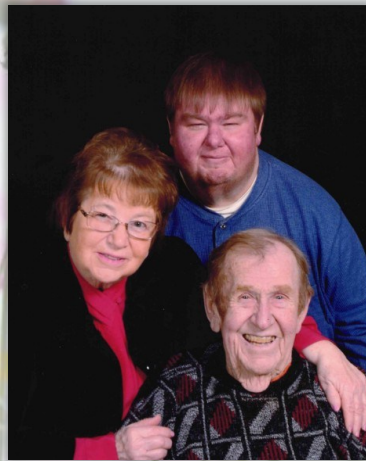
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