

Patricia “Patti” Dorothy Stangeland was born on June 3, 1949, in Richmond, MN, to Gilbert and Elizabeth “Betty” (Rau) Harmening. Her father, Gilbert, passed away when Patti was two years old. Her mother later married Dale Hausauer, who lovingly raised Patti from early childhood and was an important part of her life.



Patricia grew up in Richmond, where she attended school before continuing her education at the University of Minnesota in Mankato. There, she pursued studies in botany, reflecting her lifelong appreciation for plants and flowers.

She later married Steve Stangeland. During their marriage, the couple moved frequently while Steve served in the military. The couple later divorced.

Patricia began her career at the Big Stone Canning Factory, where she served as a supervisor. She later joined the Big Stone County Sheriff’s Office as a dispatcher, a role she held for many years. Her commitment to public service continued when she went on to work for the Big Stone County Court Department, where she remained until her retirement. Patti was a faithful member of St. John’s Catholic Church in Ortonville, MN, for many years.

She is survived by her uncles: Walter (Lucy) Rau, and Raymond (Sherri) Rau; aunt, Irene Switajurski; cousins: Cathy (Greg) Mattson, Ruth (Rob) Ricketts, Michael (Sara) Rau, Rudley (Cricket) Rau, Therese Rau, Stayce Rau, Nancy (Scott) Greene, Brittany Greene, and Jacob Greene; cousin, Sara Kockx.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gilbert Harmening; mother and father: Elizabeth and Dale Hausauer; brother in infancy, Michael Harmening; uncles: Arnold Rau, Werner Rau, Arthur Rau; aunts: Lucy Kockx, Vera Rau, Barbara Rau; cousin: Carol Kockx.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Patricia “Patti” Stangeland

WHO WAS BORN

June 3, 1949
Richmond, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

May 1, 2026
Ortonville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, May 8, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
St. John’s Catholic Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT

Father Shawn Polman

MUSICIANS

Diane Vangsness, Organist
Brittany Greene & Jacob Greene, Duet

SPECIAL SONGS

“Amazing Grace” | “On Eagle’s Wings”

LECTOR

Brittany Greene

URN BEARER

Jacob Greene

INURNMENT

Mound Cemetery
Ortonville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Patti’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the graveside service, please join the family for a time of refreshments and fellowship at the church fellowship hall.

Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Homes - Ortonville, Minnesota

Blooming Rose

There's so much beauty
in a blooming rose.
And through it's life,
who knows where it goes?
Some roses will live
over a season through,
while others will
enjoy part of the dew.
But even roses with all
their splendor and heart,
will one day their
beautiful petals fall apart.
Women, too, has her season,
like the rose.
And then, one day,
she also must repose.

Please use this QR code to access
Patti's online guestbook.

