



Pauline "Pat" Bauman was born December 15, 1934, on an acreage near Rock Valley, Iowa. She was the youngest of 10 children born to Bastiaan and Lyda (Vanden Bosch) Groeneweg. Pat attended Rock Valley High School and during those years she played basketball, earning her way to the state championship for free throws. After graduating in 1952, Pat attended Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa to obtain her teaching certificate. While there she continued to play intramural basketball. She always dreamt of being a coach and her dream became a reality when she was honored as a coach at the Rock Valley girls basketball game in February

2024 through the program, "Dare to Dream."

Pat started her teaching career with 1st and 2nd grade in Ireton, Iowa and several schools around Rock Valley, covering for other teachers who had to be away. Along the way, she met John Bauman. Their first date was going to a baseball game in Sioux Center, Iowa. He didn't ask her to go, he just said "I'll pick you up before 7," with no chance for her to respond. John and Pat were united in marriage June 15, 1955, at the Pioneer United Methodist Church in Rock Valley. She was home with their two children, Terry and Mark, until John came home to tell her he had found a job for her along with childcare. So, she began working at the US Bank drive-up in Rock Valley and worked there for 26 years, retiring in 2006.

Her faith and church family were important to her. Pat enjoyed bowling league and was an avid golfer. They would also go to the Alkota Dance Hall in Sioux Falls South Dakota every Saturday night to "boogie," as Pat would say.

When John passed away on April 16, 2022, Pat moved to Riverview Ridge Assisted Living. She enjoyed the many activities offered and more importantly, the friendships of the other residents. After a recent fall, Pat passed away January 9, 2026, at Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley at the age of 91.

Grateful for having shared in her life are her 2 children, Terry (George) White of Council Bluffs, Iowa and Mark (Sue) Bauman of Inwood, Iowa; 2 grandchildren, Amy Bauman and Cody (Becca) Bauman; great-granddaughter, Everly; sister-in-law, Judy Groeneweg; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Pat to heaven were her husband, John; granddaughter, Angela Bauman; sisters, Anna (Henry) Van Ginkel, Rena (Dick) DeVries, and Lyda (Clarence) Terpstra; and brothers, Leonard (Catherine) Groeneweg, Paul Groeneweg, John (Marian) Groeneweg, Walter (Alta) Groeneweg, Albert (Joanna) Groeneweg, and Simon Groeneweg.

In Loving Memory
Pauline "Pat" Bauman

December 15, 1934 ~ January 9, 2026

FUNERAL SERVICE

12:00 PM, Thursday, January 15, 2026

Porter Funeral Home

Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Jim Sweers

First Community Church of Hope

Doon, Iowa

PIANIST

Dorothy Smith

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"In the Garden"

"Blessed Assurance"

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Angela Bauman (Posthumously) ~ Everly Gates

PALLBEARERS

Amy Bauman ~ Cody Bauman

Becca Bauman ~ Bill Groeneweg

Randy Porter ~ Dennis Van Zee

MEMORIAL

First Community Church of Hope

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery

Rock Valley, Iowa

*Following the committal service at the cemetery,
the family invites everyone to a luncheon at the
Parkview Event Center (1303 10th Street, Rock Valley).*

*God gives us each a gift of life
To cherish from our birth.
He gives us friends and those we love
To share our days on Earth.*

*He watches us with loving care
And takes us by the hand,
He blesses us with countless joys
And guides the lives we've planned.*

*Then, when our work on Earth is done,
He calls us to His side,
To live with Him in happiness
Where peace and love abide.*

