

Patricia Lee Niemeyer was born to Marinus and Catherine (Waldrip) Vande Kieft on August 2, 1941, in Bellflower, Los Angeles County, California. She was the oldest of five children and moved with her family from Artesia, California to a farm near Inwood, Iowa in 1948. Pat completed school through the eighth grade and attended some high school, working with her parents on the family farm.

She was united in marriage to Gerrit Niemeyer on December 16, 1959, at the First Reformed Church in Inwood. The pair had met candling eggs and later welcomed four boys to their union. Together they enjoyed driving across the country, square dancing and socializing, and spending time with family in Arizona and California. Pat was an avid quilter and sewer, creating many pieces to wear, display, and find comfort in. She was a farmer and a homemaker and dedicated many hours to her flower and vegetable gardens.

After they were married, Gerrit and Pat farmed with his uncle Bernard for a few years. The family moved to a farm in Howard, South Dakota in 1962 and returned to the Inwood area in 1964. Pat and the boys accompanied Gerrit during this time on many truck routes under his own business and various other carriers, seeing many miles of the country together.

In 1973, Pat and Gerrit purchased her family's farm and farmed together until their retirement. They had both dairy cows and a Limousine cow/calf operation. The family also raised hogs, chickens, an abundant garden, and a variety of grain crops. They remained on the farm until moving to assisted living in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 2018. Pat later moved to Lyon Specialty Care in Rock Rapids, Iowa where she lived the remainder of her life.

Pat worked a variety of jobs and served her community throughout her life. For a time, she worked at the A & R Grocery store, was a meter reader for the Rural Electric Co-op, sold Avon products, assisted at Fellowship Village and joined a family business part-time at Mama's Greenhouse. Pat served as a minority advisor for the Lyon County Farm Service Agency committee for eight years and was elected as the first woman member to the agency in 2006, serving two 3-year terms. She also volunteered with 4-H and was active in university extension organizations for over 25 years, even earning her Master Gardener certification in 2001.

Pat was proud of her family and friends. Along with her husband, she supported their activities and interests, encouraged their faith, and always enjoyed their visits. For many folks coming up the drive, Pat would put the coffee on, have a treat on the counter, and be ready to catch up in no time. She could lose an afternoon out in the garden, working in the kitchen, or starting a project in the sewing room with her favorite Elvis hits on the radio. Though disease took much of her joy in her final years, Pat will be remembered as a generous, joyful, and hardworking mother, grandmother, and friend. Pat passed away Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at Lyon Specialty Care at the age of 85.

She is survived by her sons, Oepke (Beth) Niemeyer, Douglas (Kristin) Niemeyer, and Grant (Jane) Niemeyer; grandchildren, Jessica Page, Andrew (Sarah) Niemeyer, Margo Niemeyer, Adam Niemeyer, Carmen (Sam Brovold) Niemeyer, Jennifer (Tyler) Grilley, Opal, Sophia, Hazel, and William Niemeyer; great-grandchildren, Olivia, Julia, and Jackson Page, Jadalyn Grilley, Baylor Niemeyer, Iris Brovold, Taliana Grilley, Ford Niemeyer, and Onida Brovold; sisters, Millie Rensink and Shirley Achterhof; and brothers, Jim (Jan) Vande Kieft and Ron (Deb) Vande Kieft; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Gerrit; her parents, Marinus and Catherine Vande Kieft; and son, Patrick in infancy.

Celebrating the Life of Patricia Lee Niemeyer

August 2, 1941 ~ August 11, 2026

MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Saturday, August 29, 2026

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Inwood, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Jamie Mogler

First Baptist Church

Bedford, Iowa

ACCOMPANIST

Julie Van Tilburg

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"It Is Well With My Soul"

"How Great Thou Art"

"In the Garden"

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Jessica Page ~ Andrew Niemeyer

Margo Niemeyer ~ Adam Niemeyer

Carmen Niemeyer ~ Jennifer Grilley

Opal Niemeyer ~ Sophia Niemeyer

Hazel Niemeyer ~ William Niemeyer

PRIVATE FAMILY INURNMENT

Richland Cemetery

Inwood, Iowa

Pat's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall immediately following the memorial service.

Footprints

One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.
After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.
This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest
And most troublesome times of my life,
There was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,
You would leave me."
He whispered, "My precious child,
I love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."



In Loving Memory



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