



## Patricia Stackhouse

June 15, 1950 - October 14, 2015

Patricia "Patty" Stackhouse, age 65, of Spirit Lake, passed away Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake. She was born on June 15, 1950, in Marshalltown, Iowa, to Donald and Mary Lou (Benson) Stackhouse.

Patty graduated from Mankato High School in 1968, and enlisted to serve her country in the United States Army from 1976, until 1984. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Patty became a computer specialist for the United States Government for 22 years, before retiring in 2009.

Patty was a life-long member of the American Legion. She enjoyed spending her spare time doing needlework and talking with her family.

Patty is survived by her two sisters, Karen Van Guilder, and her husband, Robert of Spirit Lake, and Gayle Lee, and her husband, Russ of Mankato, Minnesota; nephews, Dustin Lee, and his wife, Tricia of N. Mankato, James Lee of Mankato, Rob Van Guilder, and his wife, Katie of Lakewood, Colorado, and David Van Guilder of Des Moines; niece, Mary Noah, and her husband, Tom of Fairmont; great-nieces and great-nephews, Alicia, Katelynn, Bryson, Marissa, Aaron, Mia, Cara and Ella; great-great-nephew, Ayden; and two cats that she adored, Abby and Big Boy. She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Mary Lou.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 23, 2015, at the Woodland Hills Funeral Chapel in Mankato, Minnesota.

The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



# Tribute Wall

MA

“ My memories of Patty are from our youth, as we kind of lost touch, except for a couple letters, after she came back from the service. I suppose I should keep those memories to myself because we were a pretty wild bunch. What I always loved about Patty was how even and cheerful she was. No drama. We had a great times. And, boy did she love her family! I remember when she came to visit me in New Hampshire -- as though no time had past. That's a true test of that early friendship we formed. I hope she continued to have a happy life, and this video here sure seems to show she did. A special person! Mona Anderson

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**Mona Anderson** - October 23, 2015 at 05:06 PM

KG

“ I think of Patty in silence  
and so often speak her name, but  
All I have is memories  
and her picture in a frame  
Her memory is my keepsake with  
which I will never part  
God has her in his keeping  
I have her my heart

*Patty was not only part of my family she was a special friend and an awesome bridge player. She was my children's babysitter, my travel companion, my up-north at her Dad's cabin fishing buddy and my occasional live in house guest. She supplied years of tears and laughter. My life was better because Patty was in it. My prayers and sympathy are not only for Karen and Gail but for all her family and friends. She will be missed.*

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**Karen Goettlicher** - October 21, 2015 at 08:03 AM

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“ Patricia Stackhouse

Chad Schuchert - October 19, 2015 at 05:45 PM

PD

“ Patricia Stackhouse

Patty Determan - October 17, 2015 at 10:04 PM



“ Patricia Stackhouse

October 16, 2015 at 09:29 PM

LS

“ *Patty was a dear and trusted friend. She brought an honesty and dedication to all she did. She will be missed. She fought the battle for life on her own terms, a valiant effort. She served her country and, most recently, her neighborhood with integrity. Heaven will welcome her.*

Linda Moore and LeeAnn Stransky - October 15, 2015 at 09:44 AM

BW

“ Patricia Stackhouse

Bev Sauer Wittler - October 15, 2015 at 07:06 AM