



Pat Southard

December 23, 1946 - October 13, 2011

The heart and soul of our family, Patricia Ellen Baker Southard was called to her heavenly home on Thursday, October 13, 2011. With an unshakable faith during months of battling cancer, she passed, surrounded by her loving family and friends. Leaving an ache in our hearts but an abundance of joy she leaves a legacy of love. She faithfully lived by her full hearted belief in living for Christ, as she would say "he is the only way". At sixteen years of age she met the love of her life. A young man named Billy Earl Southard stopped to assist her with a flat tire and her life was forever changed. Three daughters and 46 years later, with a beautiful smile that radiated with her love and joy, we can still hear her saying "there's my honey". She raised three girls with an unwavering love and endless patience. No mother could be found with more kindness, always putting her families needs above her own. Raising her children with the kind of love only accomplished through Christ. With patience and prayer and the bible as her guide, she trained her children in the way they should go, "train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it" proverbs 22:6 Pat spent 33 loyal years employed at Navarro College. According to her colleagues, she was known for her willingness to go the extra mile with a smile and generous attitude that never failed. With so many friendships made, she inspired everyone with her sweet smile and her patience. Her work ethic was evident as she always went the extra mile to ensure her projects were a work of art. Our fondest memories of Pat include her eloquent prayers at family gatherings, her affectionate nature, warm

embraces, and the endless kisses she loved to give her grandchildren. She was an excellent hostess and had a special gift of making anyone and everyone feel welcome. Her unfathomable generosity has touched the lives of many and she will be missed dearly. She is preceded in death by her father, R.T. Baker. She is survived by her mother, Mary Baker, husband Bill Southard, daughter Shelby Thedford and husband Alan, daughter Mary Ann Haden and husband Larry, daughter Heather Grant and husband Chad. She leaves behind a brother, Dale Baker and wife Mary Ann, and a sister, Wanda Spain and husband Johnny. Her grandchildren include Sloan and Lauren Thedford, Zane, Katie and Emma Haden, Carter and Audrey Grant. Numerous other family members and a host of extended family and friends. Visitation will be 6-8pm Sunday, October 16, 2011 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 2pm Monday, October 17, 2011 at Calvary Worship Center with Bro. Gary Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Blooming Grove. Pallbearers will be Sloan Thedford, Zane Haden, Trae Southard, Jon Southard, Clint Southard, Jeff Baker, James Baker, Jeff Covington, Brandon Nicholson, Zane Nicholson. Honorary pallbearers will be Henry Wooten, Jeremy Pereira, Matt Miller, Rayland Haynes, Cody Dickerson and Anthony Longoria.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pat Southard*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Shelby, Mary Ann, and Heather,*

I am so sorry to hear about your mom. I can't imagine what you are going through, but wanted to let you know your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

I have many great childhood memories of our slumber parties at your house growing up. We always had so much fun! And your mom and dad always made me feel so welcome. She was a great lady!

Amber

Amber (Haden) Gosser - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you all. I only knew Pat a short time but what a wonderful person.*

Debbie Talley - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *BILL AND FAMILY,*

SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS PAT WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL. SHE IS A NEW ANGEL IN HEAVEN AND WILL NEVER HURT AGAIN. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOUR FAMILY.

RAY AND LISA COBB

Ray and Lisa Cobb - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *Bill, Shelby, and the rest of your family. I am very sorry to hear of Mrs Southards passing. I will keep you all in my prayers. Greg*

Greg Newman - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Pat was a wonderful and beautiful woman. She gave with her whole heart to all she came in contact with. I am very grateful that she was placed in my life at very early age. She will be truly missed by a great many of friends and family. I hope you find comfort in knowing that she is pain free and in heaven watching over all of us. My prayers and love are with the family.*

Kathy Gillen Campbell - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

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LR

“ Pat was truly a wonderful sweet woman. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your family!

Leslie Henderson Reed - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ It's been many years since I've seen Pat but I remember her beautiful smile. I've been through this so my prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Debbie Barham Armstrong - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Bill and Girls*
I have known your wife/mom from years back when we both worked at Liberty Mutual. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. She gave me the little suit that I brought my son home from the hospital in. I've seen her time and again, but not as frequently as I would have liked, and it was like we had never had a day pass without talking. She was a wonderful woman, a Christian woman, and she will be missed. Tonight when I look into the night sky, I am going to be looking for her shining new star.. I will be praying for each of you, her loved ones, as you begin the journey without you in your earthly life, but she will definately be waiting for each of you with open arms and that beautiful smile when you enter Heaven's gate.

Terry and Glenda Bowling - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was truly a wonderful person and will be missed by many. Our prayers are with your family. Much Love, Missy

Melisa Taylor - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Pat, she has been an inspiration to so many. Now she is free of the pain and whole again. Heaven has received another Beautiful Angel to watch over you all. A Mother's Love will be in your Heart forever. Cherish all the beautiful memories you have and hold them close to your heart. God Bless You All...

Diane Douglas - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Bill, Shelby, MaryAnn and Heahter, We are so sorry for you loss. Your mother was truly one of the best. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. We will always cherish our good memories of the many trips taken to watch you girls play ball. Be strong and take comfort in each other.

John & Sharon Johnson - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My prayers have been with Pat's family that you know God's comfort through your temporary separation. Pat was a special person who helped me on many occasions at the college no matter the need or time of day.

Margaret McLain - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Patricia. She was such a special person. My thoughts and prayers are with her family in their time of need. God Bless.

Shirley Snowden - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Chad, Heather, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for your family during this time.

Lily Pawlowski - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To all of Pat's family:

You've all been in my prayers for so long, it seems. I know this is hardest on you, the ones left behind to miss her. She is at peace, no longer suffering, and with our Lord.

I first met Pat when I asked Shelby to be the Blooming Grove correspondent for Explore. She said she was too busy, but had just the person to do it.

Pat was always a joy to work with, and I looked forward to reading her stories every month. I have to say, the one where she sent pictures of your entire family at the beach, and wrote about you all taking a "family vacation" stand out most in my mind. I spent far more time than I should have looking at those photos, reading her story, trying to get it just right. Maybe I was memorizing it hoping that one day, my own family might have a chance like that.

I'm so glad your family had that opportunity. And from the sound of the beautiful tribute to her, I'm sure you had many wonderful, cherished moments with her that will bring you comfort in the weeks and months to come.

Pat was a very special woman. She made an indelible mark on this earth during her time here. What a legacy she left for you girls, and your children.

Prayers continue for each of you, for comfort and healing that only comes from Him.

*Sincerely,
Deanna Brown*

Deanna Brown - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TZ

“ I started to cry when I read about Pat! She worked in the RTV department when I attended Navarro College. I learned so much from her and my instructor Andy. They made our classes and all of our assignments so much fun. She was so helpful and always so cheerful. We all loved Pat so much. My thoughts and prayers are with you all now. It's so hard to lose a loved one. Happy memories will help ease your pain. She will forever be Mrs. RTV Navarro College!

Tama Zuniga - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I met Pat in 1963. I was a pleasure to have known her. I have known Bill since his family moved to Eureka in the 50's. Bill was very blessed to have met Pat and become her soul mate. I regret that I have not stayed in touch with she and Bill over the years. I saw them last October at the 50th Reunion honoring the Mildred High School Class of 1960 and had a nice visit. My thoughts and prayers are with Bill and the entire family. Take comfort that Pat is in a better place and will be sorely missed. She was a sweet, dear person. God Bless you.

John Frame - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this time of loss. May she rest in peace.

Greg And Debbie Wolf - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ So very sorry for your loss. May God bless you all.

Tommy Pryor - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RZ

“ *Our prayers are with you.*

Rudy Zavala - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Bill;
our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
a chain must be broken in a happy band, but is forming again in a
much better land.
jeff & mike*

jeff/mike bryant - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *We are so sorry to here of your loss, My God comfort you during
this time, Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Dan & Kim Cobb - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Pat,*

*You were a class act. It was a pleasure to learn from you. My
deepest sympathies to the family.*

Benny Cook - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Shelby, Mary Ann & Heather, My heart goes out to you all, I know how painful it is to loose your hero, best friend & mother. My memory of your beautiful mother will always be her smiling at me, every time I ran into her she gave me a hug and had that beautiful smile on her face! I will continue to pray for your family, knowing she is with our Awesome God will help as time goes by. One day at time!*

Love & Hugs!

Kelly

Kelly McCarter Bell - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Chad and family, My sincere condolences on the passing of your Mother in law. My prayers are with you all.*

Bill Munn - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. I never saw Pat that she didn't have a beautiful smile on her face and something nice to say!!! I know you all are going to miss her very much, but you have many wonderful memories to fall back on in times of sadness. She set a wonderful, God loving example for her family and friends. My love and sympathy to you all.*

Robbie Derden - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ *To The Family of Mrs. Pat Southard;*

I've worked with Mrs. Pat for the past 11 years at Navarro College. To know her was to love her. She will truly be missed in more ways than one. My Prayers are with you and your families. We will see her again on the other side. Be Blessed!

Venes Brown - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Bill. We are right here if you ever need anything.*

Lydia McKendree - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Pat was a wonderful lady that will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*

Melissa Cantrell Copeland - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Our hearts go out to you during this time of loss. It is so difficult to lose a Wife/Mother/Grandmother as special as yours was. Pat was truly an example of a Christian woman. Her kind ways and beautiful smile will always be remembered. We will continue to pray for all of you in the days ahead, as our Good Lord will continue to help you get through this time of great sadness.*

Terry Golden - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Bill,
I am so sorry to hear about Pat. I know how much you loved
her. Our prayers to you my friend.*

Robin Ratliff - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Bill, I am so sorry for your loss of Pat. You and your family are in my
prayers during this trying time. I pray for comfort for you and the
girls. May God bless and give you strength to get you through.*

Derwood Penney - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are
with you all during this very difficult time. Pat was such a sweet
friend and neighbor who always welcomed us and made us feel like
a part of the family.*

God bless you all! Love, Greg, Lyndy and Caleb

Greg, Lyndy and Caleb Ashford - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GA

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your loss. Pat was a such a sweet friend and neighbor who always
welcomed us and made us feel like family.*

Greg, Lyndy and Caleb Ashford - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Southard. She coached my daughter Jennifer Trull in softball. It was her first year to ever play. Pat was so good to her. At the end of the season she gave Jen the Hang tough award and wrote her the sweetest note with it we still have the trophy and the note we will never forget her. My pray's go to you girl's and Bill And to you WandaB. We have none each other a long time. But I didn't know Pat was your sister. Love to all of you. Peggy Jordan And Jennifer(Trull) Wilburn

Peggy Jordan - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Pat's kind, professional caring manner to everyone made the world a better place.

Wayne& Ruth Smith - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We are so very sorry for your loss and we pray for comfort and understanding at this difficult time. May Pat's memory ease your pain and know that your family loves you very much!

Darold & Jo Bigham & family - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Pat was one the sweetest ladies I have ever met. She always had a smile on her face. Shelby, you have your mother's spirit. I will always cherish our childhood and wonderful memories. My thoughts and prayers and with you all during this time.

Renee Hellner - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ *My thoughts are with the entire family.
May she rest in peace.*

Fernando Resnik - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *We did not know Pat, but Lacy, Pat's neice, works with us and Lacy had a hard time with the passing of her Aunt. Please accept our deepest sympathy. We knew Pat was deeply loved by all that knew her.*

Margaret Sinkule - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM