



Patricia Jenison

May 27, 1927 - April 15, 2009

Patricia Anne Donica Jenison was born May 27, 1927, in Cardin, Oklahoma in her parents' home. She peacefully went to be with her Lord on April 15, 2009. Pat was the eldest of four children and grew up in Miami, Oklahoma in a house next to the Neosho River. She attended Phillips University graduating with a degree in Christian Education. It was in college where she met her future husband, Gerald Arlow Jenison (Jerry). Following college, Pat worked as a case worker for a few years before being selected as the Director of Christian Education for Pennsylvania Avenue Christian Church in Oklahoma City. It was in this church where Pat and Jerry were married on February 15th, 1953, and first began their life long dedication of working with young people. They made their first home in Tulsa, Oklahoma before moving to a farm outside of Siloam Springs, AR where they raised their four children. From 1962 through 1966, Pat and Jerry served as house parents and educators for Cookson Hills Christian School where Pat also served as music director. After returning to their farm, Pat taught school first in the Gravette School system and then in Siloam Springs. One of the highlights of her teaching career was being selected the interim choral director in Siloam. With this appointment came the privilege of taking the glee club to the district contest where they earned high honors plus the right to go to the state contest. She was known for her love of teaching, choral directing, camping, fishing, and spending time at her lake home with friends and family, as well as, sports, poetry writing and witticisms; of which she had one for every occasion. She played softball from

the age of 5 until the age of 54, coached numerous softball teams, and for several years was the director of the Softball Association in Siloam. She was a member and served as former president of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa Teachers Sorority, the Arkansas Reading Council, and Hanna Moss Circle. She was a charter member of Twin Springs Christian Church; now Community Christian Fellowship. Throughout the years, Pat and Jerry ministered to hundreds of young people through youth groups, sponsorships, and Sunday School classes. Pat was loved, admired and respected by all who knew her, and her loving spirit and unflinching faith influenced many, many lives. Pat was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Rick Jenison, one granddaughter, Jennica Holloway and one sister, Bette Sue Campbell. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Jerry Jenison of Siloam Springs; two sons, Mike Jenison and wife Judy of Oklahoma City, and Jerry (Jeep) Jenison, and wife Julie of Oklahoma City; one daughter, Julianne (Juli) Stec and husband Steve of Fort Smith; one daughter-in-law, Luann Jenison of Siloam Springs; five grandsons, Aaron, Jay, Kelby, Corey and Amia; five granddaughters, Heather, Jerra, KaLee, Jettie, and Jennon; one great grandson, Hunter, one brother, Claude E. Doncia, Jr.; one sister, Nancy Seauve; one long-time, beloved friend, Joyce Anne Munn; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers for the service will be Aaron Jenison, Kelby Jenison, Corey Jenison, Jay Jenison, Amia Stec, and Del Holloway. Funeral services will be 2:30 P.M., Sunday, April 19, 2009 at Community Christian Fellowship, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Jay Foley and Jonathan Seauve officiating. Visitation will be 5:00 – 7:00 P.M., Saturday, April 18, 2009, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Pat was a substitute teacher in one of my junior high classes. I decided to change my name for the day, and convinced my classmates to play a little prank on her. At exactly 2:00, all of us dropped our books hard to the floor! She was not bothered a bit as she called on me saying "Suzanne" it seems you think this was really very funny...I'd forgotten I'd changed my name, and never realized she had me figured out! Well, 9 years later, I was assigned to do my student teaching in Siloam. I was placed in Pat Jenison's classroom! I was so nervous, but being the classy lady she was, she welcomed me with open arms! She introduced me to her students as "Suzanne" Studards, then quickly corrected herself and called me Sherry!

I learned more from Pat in a few short weeks than I learned in college! She was such a good and caring teacher. She was the foundation of me becoming the teacher I am today...33 years later! I have shared stories about Pat with my own students during these years. I am so sorry for your loss, Jenison family.

Sherry Studards Bass - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

CF

“ Dear Jenison Family

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss and I wish I could have been to the funeral to tell you personally. I also celebrate with you the victory of Pat's life of service to the Lord and others and her legacy of faith and love.

I am so grateful for the memories of many family celebrations at the Jenison farm in Enid with each of you - and will always appreciate Juli and Gerald being at my dad's funeral in 2002.

May God bless each of you.

Love,
Chris Bushnell

Chris Bushnell and family - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

VC

“ Dear Jerry, Mike, Jeep, and Julianne & families,

So very sorry about the loss of your wife, mother, and grandmother. Pat was very special to all who knew her. We have lots of fond memories that will always be with us. May God hold each of you in his arms as you face each new day. All my love and prayers are with you.

*In Christ,
Verlene Couch*

Verlene Couch - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

CG

“ Dear Jenison family,

May God be with you in your time of sorrow. I am praying for all of you and hope you find comfort in being together in your time of need. Pat will be missed. She was a terrific lady and I cared for her very much myself.

Carol Gamble - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

MN

“ *The world is minus a very special lady today but we have the peace of knowing we'll meet again one day. I love you Mrs. Jenison.*

Marc Norberg - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

VW

“ I've known of "Pat" and her family for many years. Several years ago, she spoke at a women's retreat in Houston, MO. At that time she stayed at a home in the country with my mother, Marcella Mckinney. My mother was delighted to have her and enjoyed her company. Just listening to my mother speak of her, I knew she was a great lady. I have met and spoken to Pat and her husband at the First Christian Church in Miami when her mother Mamie was alive. I'll be thinking of all of you today. May God bless you all. Verda

Verda Wright - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

RM

“ I arrived in Ms. Jenison's 6th grade classroom in 1977 a very hyperactive and overly emotional girl. Although school was always easy for me, socially I was having a really hard time. Ms. Jenison took time almost every day to work with me to grow up and be ready for Jr. High. It was extremely obvious she cared about a lot more than what I learned from books. I have never forgotten her and only regret I never looked her up when in town to tell her how much she changed me. I am now an educator and only hope that I will have students with fond memories of me like I have of her. She was a very special lady and I loved her. I am so sorry for your loss. You will be in my prayers.

Renee Maley - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

SS

“ To the Jenison family:
May God comfort you during this time of sorrow. I will keep you guys in my prayers.

Sarah Scroggins - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

JM

“ *Julie, You and the girls are in our prayers.*

Jerry and Cora Middleton - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

DG

“ *Our thoughts are with you during this time.*

Dr. Michael Green - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

SG

“ *Julie,
We would like to extend our most heartfelt condolences to you and your family. We will keep you in our prayers.*

Please call on us if we can be of any help to you during this difficult time.

Siggie and staff.

Sigrid Garrett - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

DE

“ *I had the opportunity and pleasure of visiting with Mike last weekend while I was volunteering at the front desk. I very much enjoyed hearing about his mom, dad and family.*

I wanted to offer my sincere condolences in the passing of Mrs. Jenison. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

David Elliott - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

JM

“ Jerra, KaLee and Jennon

I know you will have great memories of your Nana. That is one thing that will never be taken away from you. She loved you girls, dearly. I know you enjoyed going to the cabin, on your birthdays and some holidays. Just remember we all will miss her.

Also give your PaPa Jerry and big hug from all of us.

Love you girls so much.

Grandma and Grandpa

Julie McGowan - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM