



Patricia Rose Evina

September 10, 1942 - August 28, 2025

Patricia Rose Evina

September 10, 1942 – August 28, 2025

Patricia Rose Evina, 82, passed away peacefully on August 28, 2025, in Kalkaska, Michigan. Born on September 10, 1942, in Alvwood, Minnesota, to Joe and Laverne (Hall) Traxinger, Patricia lived a life filled with love, resilience, and a deep connection to family and nature.

In the 1950s, Patricia moved with her family to Alaska, where she developed a lifelong appreciation for its rugged beauty. Though she married young and relocated to Michigan, her heart remained tied to Alaska's wild landscapes. She often spoke fondly of her dream to retire there but chose to stay in Kalkaska, Michigan, to remain close to her beloved sons. With her characteristic humor, she would point out that removing a few letters from "Kalkaska" spelled "Alaska," a playful nod to her enduring love for the state. Patricia took great pride in her family's craftsmanship, particularly her brother's work building log homes and rustic furniture in Alaska. For a decade, she managed Woodland Creek Furniture with dedication, delighting in giving tours of the factory and showcasing the artistry of her sons and other skilled artisans.

Known for her warmth and generosity, Patricia will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She leaves behind a legacy as a devoted mother,

grandmother, and friend. She is survived by her sons, Robert (Regina) Evina, Richard Evina, and Michael (Marilynn) Evina; her grandchildren, Danielle, Jonathan, Sommer, Sarah, Gillian, and Robbie Evina; and a wide circle of loved ones. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Laverne Traxinger, and her spouse, Robert Evina.

A celebration of Patricia's life will be held at a later date, with details to be announced. Her memory will live on in the hearts of those she touched with her kindness, humor, and unwavering love for her family.

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Patty was a beautiful person I really enjoyed talking with her and hearing her stories, my heart goes out to her family ty for allowing me to take care of and be your mother's friend.*

Delores - September 14, 2025 at 07:20 AM

RL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Pat was a special woman. I knew after the first day I met her that she and I would get along! She was feisty, sassy, and classy with a sense of humor that made me laugh and brightened my day! I'll miss her and our conversations. To her sons; you are all wonderful and my heart goes out to all of you. I can only hope my own son is as good to me in my golden years as you were to your sweet Mama. Rest in peace Miss Pat, we love you.*

Rachel Letts - September 04, 2025 at 11:52 AM