



Patty Jo Campbell

May 30, 1959 - January 22, 2026

Patty Jo Campbell, age 66, of Lower Burrell, passed away unexpectedly on January 22, 2026, at West Penn Hospital. Born on May 30, 1959, in Kittanning, PA, Patty was the cherished daughter of the late Devere and Sylvia (Pearson) Carlson. She grew up in Apollo, PA, and was a proud graduate of Apollo Ridge High School. Patty's resilience shone brightly through her courageous battle with cancer.

Patty found joy and purpose in knitting. Her talent and generosity knew no bounds; she crafted hundreds of Afghans, each a tapestry of care and compassion. These beautiful creations were not only gifts to friends and family but also served as a means to support countless charitable events. Her Bassett Hounds brought her endless happiness, as did her fondness for Mickey Mouse, trips to Erie, and spontaneous day trips. However, nothing compared to the delight she took in attending events that involved her beloved grandson, Drake.

Patty's family was her world, and she was the heart of theirs.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion as the beloved wife of William Campbell for 47 years, loving mother to her son, Scott Campbell and daughter, Sarah Akins (Campbell), and mother-in-law to Chad Akins. Her grandson, Drake Akins, was the greatest joy of her life, a sentiment she shared with everyone she met.

She is also survived by her sister, Mary Tegtmeier, and brothers, Ralph Carlson, Victor Carlson, and Rex Carlson. Her father-in-law, William M.

Campbell, along with many adoring nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends, will continue to cherish the memories they shared with Patty.

She was preceded in death by her sister Bonnie Carlson, niece Sherry Tegtmeier, nephews Lee and Alex Carlson, brother-in-law Frank Tegtmeier, sister-in-law Jennifer Stewart, and mother-in-law Mary Jane Campbell.

A memorial service to celebrate Patty's life will be held on January 29, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., at the North Apollo Church of God. Please feel free to wear something with Mickey Mouse or Bassett Hounds on it.

Her life was a gift to all who knew her, and her memory will be honored with love and joy, just as she would have wanted. William will deeply miss her and felt that her love was the greatest gift.

Professional services entrusted to Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 930 Center Avenue Blawnox, PA, 15238; www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, family suggests contributions to The American Cancer Society or St. Jude's Hospital.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **29**. 4:30 PM (ET)

North Apollo Church of God
507 20th Street
North Apollo, PA 15673

Tribute Wall

CA

“ Carl A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patty Jo Campbell.

Carl A. - January 27 at 04:10 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patty Jo Campbell.



January 27 at 04:10 PM

SC

“ Aunt Patty where do i even begin...you were so loving and amazing an always there when you were needed you always were smiling and had a heart of gold...thank you for all the amazing memories growing up and the sleepovers when i was a kid. And then the pool parties when Bell was growing up were fun. You will be so missed by all of us. We love you now an always! Love
Sassy,bell,kristie&allen

sabrina campbell - January 26 at 08:22 PM

KA

“ Momma Patty was definitely one of a kind with such a genuine heart and will definitely be missed by many. She sure did love her some of me, and Riley who they are now reunited and our guardian angels. I am so glad I had the opportunity to get to meet you and you will be remembered forever. Rest easy momma and see you in the other side. 📦📦📦📦❤❤❤🥹🥹🥹🕊🕊🕊



Katey - January 26 at 07:09 PM

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“ Walt & Donna Sproat, and all our kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patty Jo Campbell.

Walt & Donna Sproat, and all our kids - January 26 at 03:58 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Patty Jo Campbell.



January 26 at 03:58 PM



“ Patty was a very special person. I know she had a large heart to love everybody like she did.

Susan Gould - January 26 at 02:59 PM