



Patricia "Pat" Farrell Haapala

December 12, 1938 - March 15, 2020

Patricia "Pat" Farrell Haapala, age 81, of Dassel, died Sunday, March 15, 2020, at the Augustana Lakeside Health Care Center in Dassel. A private memorial service will be held at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel with Rev. Laurie O'Shea officiating. The interment of the urn will be held at the Dassel Community Cemetery in Dassel.

In lieu of flowers donations are preferred to be given to the Dassel Food Shelf.

Pat "Farrell" Haapala, the daughter of Irwin John & Vera "Hudson" Farrell was born on December 12, 1938, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Pat grew up in North East Minneapolis where she attended Tuttle School and Marshall High School. Pat was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was presently a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel.

On April 5, 1958, Pat was united in marriage to James Tex Haapala at the University Lutheran Church of Hope in Minneapolis. Together they made their home in Dassel until 1968, when they moved to Belmond, Iowa. In 1970, Pat and Tex moved back to Dassel where they have since made their home.

Pat loved kids. She was an active member of her church serving as a Sunday

School teacher, and a member of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church Ladies Circle. She was also civically minded, having served on the Dassel City Council and the Dassel Planning and Zoning Council. She loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed trying new recipes, always saving the recipes that tasted good in her cookbooks. Over the year she had amassed over 100 cookbooks. Holidays were one of her favorite times of the year. She could often be found in the kitchen cooking and everyone knew that you would never walk away from the table hungry. She had volunteered to be a Girl Scout Troop Leader and was her sons Cub Scout Den Mother.

She is survived by her husband, James Tex Haapala, children, Deborah (Paul) Burandt of Dassel, Jonathan (Heidi) Haapala of Dassel, grandchildren, Nicholas (Jenna) Burandt, Lesley Burandt, Jordan Haapala, and Grant Haapala, great grandchildren, Ayla Burandt, Brynn Burandt, and Kaiya Burandt, and a sister, Sally.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Irwin and Vera Farrell and a brother, John Farrell.

Cemetery Details

Dassel Community Cemetery

23526-23574 County Rd 4,
Dassel, MN 55325

Tribute Wall

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“ *Pat was a very loving and generous person. We are thankful for the time we shared as next door neighbors in Belmond. It was way too short but have good memories of our families spending time together. Rest In Peace Pat.*

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