



Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard

September 11, 1948 - January 29, 2020

Patricia Gibson Ballard, 71, of Dover, Florida, born on September 11, 1948 in Tampa, Florida, entered into eternal rest on January 29, 2020. She was a 1966 graduate of Turkey Creek High School, a member of First Baptist Church Plant City, and a retired secretary for the Hillsborough County School Board. She loved her family and her Lord, and enjoyed sewing, crocheting, other crafts, and serving others. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Jerry L. Ballard; children, Jay Ballard (Jill) of Plant City, and Susan Ballard Beck (Robby) of Milner, Georgia; grandchildren, Bethany, Rebecca, Abigayle, and Brayden; brothers, Ronnie Connor (Pam), and Mike Gibson (Patty), both of Plant City; and many other nieces, nephews, family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hubert and Evelyn Gibson; and brother, Jimmy Gibson. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday February 3 at 11:00 A.M at First Baptist Church Plant City, 3309 James L Redman Pkwy, Plant City, where the family will be receiving friends beginning at 9:30 A.M. Interment at Oaklawn Cemetery, Plant City. Pat requested that her fellow Turkey Creek Gobblers show your spirit by wearing blue and gold, and everyone else wear bright colors. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Plant City Building Fund at fbcpc.com. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

N. Wheeler Road
Plant City, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Plant City
3309 James L. Redman Parkway
Plant City, FL

Celebration of Life

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Plant City, FL

Tribute Wall

RL

“ So sad to hear of Pat passing. Old friend from High School. Class of 66.



Ronald Lewis - May 15, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Ballard Memorial Video



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 03, 2020 at 10:58 AM

MM

Great Pictures! Sure did enjoy viewing them. A wonderful tribute to your Mother, Jay!

Marilyn Meder - February 07, 2020 at 10:03 PM

LW

She will be missed tremendously. Best memorial video ever.

Linda Buser Walker - February 08, 2020 at 04:53 PM

SB

Jay , this was beautiful as I was watching it reminiscing tears of joy and honor to have been in Pat's life, she was such a good friend and I will forever miss her. JERRY ,HER CHILDREN AND HER GRANDCHILDREN WERE HER LIFE..Good buy friend till we meet again.

Sybi Barron - February 08, 2020 at 05:13 PM

SB

LOVE AND PRAYERS TO PAT'S BEAUTIFUL FAMILY.

Sybi Barron - February 08, 2020 at 05:16 PM

VB

Just watched video. What a wonderful tribute to Patsy's life. She was a good person.

Veronica Wooten Bercaw - May 27, 2020 at 02:24 PM

RB

“ *Ray & Sandra Ballard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard*



Ray & Sandra Ballard - February 03, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard.*



February 02, 2020 at 11:01 AM

DR

“ *DON ROBERTS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard*



DON ROBERTS - February 02, 2020 at 10:06 AM

AL

“ *Ava Surrency Lumley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard*



Ava Surrency Lumley - February 02, 2020 at 05:00 AM

TB

“ *Uncle Jerry and Family, Terry and I are holding each of you close during this sad time. May it be a comfort to each of you to know we care.*

Terry and Kathy Ballard - February 01, 2020 at 09:06 PM

ME

“ I am so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. I know you will miss her so much. I know we will all see her again when we pass on, but as great as that is, it doesn't really fill that empty place in your hearts, in your cars, at the table and on the other end of the phone connection. I can't believe it's only been six months since I met Pat in an elevator at Baptist South Hospital in Jacksonville. We identify ourselves to others as "my elevator friend". We prayed together the first time we met and continue to pray for our families and friends and each other. In these few months Pat taught me so much about being gracious, even when hurting for someone you love. Pat never complained about how she felt and only told me about any of her own health issues after much, much, convincing. Pat showed me what it meant to be brave and bold, with a purpose, I loved that about her. Pat demonstrated her faith and trust in God from the moment we met. She shared wonderful stories about her sweet husband, Jerry, even some about those first years they were married. She didn't complain about him for a second. A good wife and an amazing couple. Pat and I laughed a lot together. I love Pat's laugh. I believe that God loves the sound of his children's laughter and He certainly heard ours. We cried some together too. We agreed that life can be painful but our God is always faithful. Pat loved to talk about her amazing children and grandchildren but also liked to hear all about yours too. She was always busy doing something for someone when I called. I'd like to call her today. I miss her already, I know I will see you again someday but today I miss you, Pat and I know I always will. I thank God that He arranged for us to meet in that elevator! I celebrate the joy that Pat shared whatever she went. I celebrate a life well lived and well loved! I celebrate you, Pat! Love you, always! Merrie

Merrie - February 01, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard.*



February 01, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ *Patsy was a very sweet person. Always had a smile on her face. She seemed to be someone who would do anything for another, be they friend or stranger. My sympathies to her family.*



Veronica Wooten Bercaw - February 01, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ *Though we haven't seen each other in many years, Pat will remain in my memory as a wonderful person. She was possessed of both intelligence and wit. (Those laughs we shared at Cork school and later in the ROSSAC building!) She, in partnership with Jerry, was an exemplary parent who raised two great people to be both smart and principled. With His Devine Omniscience, our Lord knew she had more work to do and preserved her life on this Earth after a disastrous automobile accident many years ago. Other memories shared on this page are evidence that Pat continued to be His Good and Faithful Servant.*

Claudia Davidsen

Claudia Davidsen - February 01, 2020 at 01:08 PM

CD

“ Claudia Davidsen purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard.



Claudia Davidsen - February 01, 2020 at 12:50 PM

DW

“ Miss Pat was an absolutely beautiful human being and neighbor. She was the most amazing seamstress, creating a mermaid outfit from scratch for my granddaughter, to helping me make a goose down pillow for my husband. As I stated before, I will miss her cute little voice the most. 🥺

Doug and Kim Winters - February 01, 2020 at 09:46 AM

PR

“ Polly Rhoden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard



Polly Rhoden - February 01, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard.



February 01, 2020 at 12:42 AM

JM

“ I Knew Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard"Pat" and Her Husband Mr. Jerry Ballard For Several Years Now,As My Family Has Known The Ballard Family Very Well For Several Years! Pat Was A Very Loving Precious Sweet Amazing Selfless Humble Very Inspirational Very Remarkable Very Giving Very Sweet Precious Lady Who Loved Our Lord Jesus Christ and All Of Us and Always Will ❤️ She Did Such A Very Great Spectacular Inspirational Very Wonderful Job On The Planter's and The Turkey Creek High School Reunions and She Enjoyed Doing So Very Many Other Things With Her Husband Jerry, Their Children and Grandchildren and All Of Their Loved Ones and She Always Enjoyed Genealogy and History and I Always Enjoyed Her Great LOVE That She Had For Those Things and I Always Enjoyed The Great LOVE She Had For Her Loved Ones and Most Importantly Our Lord JESUS CHRIST and I Was Very Blessed and Very Grateful and So Very Thankful That I Knew Pat and I Always Will Be So Very Thankful and I Know That She Is With Our RISEN KING OUR RISEN KING FOREVER AND ETERNITY JESUS CHRIST AND I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH ALWAYS MY VERY LOVING PRECIOUS SWEET BEST FRIEND AND SISTER IN CHRIST Mrs. Patricia Ballard and MY LOVE AND PRAYERS TO JERRY AND FAMILY NOT ONLY NOW,BUT ALWAYS ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



Jason Mattair - January 31, 2020 at 11:58 PM

VK

“ To a great neighbor. Pat was a wonderful person who always was there for you. I treasure all the moments we spent talking about our grandchildren. She could always make you laugh with her funny stories. She loved her family, and friends. Rest in peace my friend.

Vickie Knowles

Vickie Knowles - January 31, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard.*



January 31, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard.*



January 31, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ *Clavie, Beverly, Dannie, Kathy, Rhonda & Bob purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard.*



Clavie, Beverly, Dannie, Kathy, Rhonda & Bob - January 31, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ *Those that knew Pat, were truly blessed. Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. I pray to God to give you strength to get through this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all and I wish you healing and peace.*



Glenda Roberts - January 31, 2020 at 01:41 PM

SA

“ I did not know Pat until I worked with her on the first Planters Reunite committee. I immediately liked her! I don't remember her exact role, but she was one of the main leaders in the reunion planning. Well liked and respected by all, Pat was instrumental in keeping conflicts at bay and ensuring a wonderful, smoothly run reunion!

My heartfelt condolences to all of Pat's family.

Starr Anderson

Starr Anderson - January 31, 2020 at 01:35 PM

DS

“ Blessed to talk to Pat on Sunday. Being her typical self she was helping ME! Her loving, giving spirit will leave her eternally in our hearts. I know God welcomed her as HIS and will stand close to Jerry and the kids in their profound loss. Much love, Dianne Mears Silliman

Dianne Mears Silliman - January 31, 2020 at 01:32 PM

PG

“ My sincere condolences to Jerry, Jay, Susan and the grandchildren ...all the Gibson and Ballard family. Pat was a true servant of God spreading love and sunshine everywhere she went with her infectious laugh and forever smile . An encourager to everyone. To name the Spiritual Gifts that Pat was graced with would be difficult because I think she had them all. Rest in the sweet peace of our Lord Pat. Peace and comfort to her family and loved ones as they go through these difficult days.

Peggy Gibbs - January 31, 2020 at 11:49 AM

SB

“ It is with a saddened heart to extend my deepest sympathy to the family for your loss, she was a ray of sunshine for sure to everyone she came in contact with and will hold sweet memories, she will be truly missed by all her Gobbler family. Sandra Taylor Butler

Sandra Taylor Butler - January 31, 2020 at 09:58 AM

TH

“ Pat was such a bright light for the Gobbler's and the Planter's. Always with a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. Pat will be greatly missed. Condolences to her family. Go with God Pat.

Teresa Henderson - January 31, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard.



January 31, 2020 at 08:47 AM

RK

“ I don't think I ever saw her that she wasn't smiling. Jerry you and your family are in my prayers. Rachel Fowler Kobus

Rachel Fowler Kobuw - January 31, 2020 at 07:15 AM

LW

“ Pat was a Wonder Woman who worked extremely hard for TCHS. I appreciate all the hard work she did for the TCHS get togethers. Unfortunately I never got to attend or meet her. I appreciate the FB conversations and phone calls with her. My sincere condolences to her family. Much love and prayers. Linda Joyce Varnadore Whiteman

Linda Whiteman - January 31, 2020 at 05:25 AM

GL

“ You bright smile, your laughter , giving spirit and enthusiasm touched so many lives. Even though you were a true Gobbler, you gave so much to the Planters on behalf of Jerry. The talent you had in helping to organize our reunions was phenomenal. You will be missed dear friend.

Warren and Glenda Wilson

Glenda - January 30, 2020 at 10:54 PM

JM

“ Jason Mattair lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Gibson Ballard



Jason Mattair - January 30, 2020 at 10:44 PM

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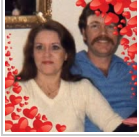
Jason Mattair - January 30, 2020 at 10:43 PM

JM

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Jason Mattair - January 30, 2020 at 10:43 PM



“ Pat gave her all to our TCHS Gobbler family. Her heart and enthusiasm for all things Turkey Creek will be missed by all. Prayers for comfort and peace at heart for Jerry, her kids and grands.

Dan & Nadine (Jolly) Jackson

Nadine Jackson - January 30, 2020 at 08:10 PM

EH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Ballad family. We have lost a great and true TCHS Gobbler. Pat was the foundation of the TCHS alumni get together every year. She will be greatly missed. Elaine (Cooper) Hall class of 1965.

Elaine Hall - January 30, 2020 at 08:04 PM

DG

“ Pat's smile was radiant and ever present. Her enthusiasm and love of her God and her family was always evident. Heaven is brighter now because she is there. One day we'll be reunited, sweet lady. Until then, enjoy those streets of gold, crystal rivers and worshipping at the feet of our Lord.

Debbie Gillespie - January 30, 2020 at 07:52 PM