



## Mrs. Patricia Diane Bender

November 17, 1944 - June 23, 2024

Patricia Diane Bender, 79, of Plant City, passed away peacefully on June 23, 2024. Patricia was born on November 17, 1944, to the late Jack and Lawrie (Franklin) Fish. Patricia dedicated her life to education, serving as a teacher for 40 years before retiring. Even after retirement, Patricia continued to showcase her passion into helping others by tutoring high school kids and volunteering her time at the Plant City Hospital. She was a devout Christian, who attended church regularly and served as their organist for Sunday service. Adding to her kindness towards others, Patricia was an avid animal lover and would always go out of her way to help any animal in need. Patricia was preceded in death by her husband Robert Bender; parents, Jack and Lawrie Fish; and brother, Jim Fish. She is survived her son, Robert Bender; her daughters, Cristin Hutton, Stephanie Marshall (Chris Marshall), Mindy Bender; her grandchildren, Steven Opland (Michigan), Brendan Bender (Dieudonne Bender) (Florida), Olivia Bender (Michigan), and Jensen Hutton (Florida); five great-grandchildren; and her brother, Jack Fish (Carolyn Fish). As per her wishes, her family will coordinate a memorial in remembrance of her time on earth in the near future. The date and time for the event will be announced after plans have been coordinated with out-of-state family members. Patricia's presence on earth will be forever missed. Her endless kindness towards others, as well as her unwavering love and generosity to her family and friends. Those that knew and loved her would describe a person who loves to love and support others, and nothing else could be as true. Her

children and grandchildren had the privilege of her gift of grace as she watched them grow and flourish under her care. A huge part of our lives has left us, but she left all who knew her with the legacy of care, compassion, and grace. So, we ask in Jesus name, let eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace with her loved ones by her side. Amen. A memorial service will be held Monday, August 5 at 10:30 A.M. at Hope Lutheran Church Plant City, 2001 N Park Rd, Plant City 33563. Expressions of condolences at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Hope Lutheran Church  
2001 N. Park Road  
Plant City, FL 33563

# Tribute Wall

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“ she was one of my greatest high school teachers ill never forget you mrs bender.

Louie - July 18, 2024 at 09:18 PM

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Thank you for your kind words. The service for Mrs. Bender will be August 5th at 10a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Plant City, Park Rd

Norma Ward - August 01, 2024 at 09:00 PM

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“ Pat was a wonderful addition to the South Florida Baptist Hospital Auxiliary (the pink ladies). She was never without a smile, a real, genuine smile. The room lit up when she walked in. I never heard her say an unkind word about anyone, even politicians. I thoroughly enjoyed talking with her whenever we worked the same shift, and fun lunches. Everyone enjoyed her and truly liked Pat. She will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, dear lady!

Jean Smith - July 17, 2024 at 10:33 PM

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Norma Ward - August 01, 2024 at 09:01 PM

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“ Ms.Pat was our neighbor for a number of years. She was one of the kindest sweetest people on earth. She never said a cross word about anyone. She always wore a smile. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel.

Frances Whiting and Mandy Floyd - July 15, 2024 at 08:46 AM

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*Norma Ward*

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**Norma Ward** - August 01, 2024 at 09:03 PM

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“*Frances Whiting And Mandy Floyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Diane Bender*



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**Frances Whiting and Mandy Floyd** - July 15, 2024 at 08:43 AM