



## Patricia A. Steinle

February 26, 1939 - December 17, 2025

Patricia Ann Killian was born on February 26, 1939, almost on the steps (according to her mother) of the Fosston, Minnesota Hospital to parents Lawrence and Fern Killian. After graduating high school, Patricia moved to the Twin Cities and became a hair dresser, later opening her own shop in southern Minneapolis. She married Alfred F. Vieira and they had 3 sons, Daniel, Paul and David. In 1985 Patricia and her husband were divorced. In June of 1986 Patricia and James Steinle went on their first date together, to catch some fish to contribute to a wild game dinner they were both invited to by mutual friends. James in trying to teach Patt how to get into a canoe when out in deeper water, had her flop in, and in doing so flipped James right out of the canoe into the water! She thought he would never want to go on another date with her! Just a few months later on September 27, 1986 Patricia Ann and James R. Steinle became happily ever-after married for more than 39 years.

Patricia loved to fish, ski, sew, especially making, selling and giving away beautiful felted mittens; (around 4,000 pair in the past 20 years). She especially loved music, playing the piano, guitar, singing and creating songs (around 30 of them involving family, love, spiritual, and even funny children ones). Patricia loved her Savior Jesus (also known to her as Yayshua in a phonetic spelling) and did her best to live her faith according to his teachings for over the past 1/2 century (1 John 2:3-6; Matthew 7:21-23). Patricia Steinle

passed away on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 and is now awaiting her resurrection at the return of her Savior.

She is survived by her husband James, her three sons Daniel, Paul and David, two sisters Mary (Gary) Altepeter of Moorhead, Mn; Cecilia Nelson of Red Lake Falls, Mn; and one brother, Donald Killian of McIntosh, Mn.; three sister-in-laws, Dottie Killian of Fosston, Mn., Joyce Killian of Blackduck, Mn., Diane Killian of Plummer, Mn; and one brother-in-law Gale Cheney of Fargo, ND. Grandchildren, great grandchildren and other relatives survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lawrence and Fern Killian; her brothers Thomas, Dennis, Larry and one sister Marge Cheney.

Isaiah 57:1 The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart; the devout are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. 2 Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death. (NIV)

# Cemetery Details

## East Swanville Cemetery

3595 75th Street  
Swanville, MN 56382

# Tribute Wall

VO

“ James, words cannot express how much I appreciate knowing and spending much time with Pat, her sister, Marge, and the Killian family. They were full of joy and wonderful people. May you find comfort in many happy memories as I do.  
Viola Broadwell Olson

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**viola Olson** - January 05 at 11:12 PM

RS

“ James, Our deepest condolences at the loss of your wife Patt. May God be with you and your family at this time. Ron and Rebecca Schmidt

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**Ron and Rebecca Schmidt** - January 04 at 11:46 AM

JN

“ She was such a talented, kind, loving & crafty lady. My thoughts & prayers to family. Jeannie Nelson

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**Jeannie Nelson** - December 20, 2025 at 12:44 PM

BS

“ Becky Haugen just shared with me this morning, the news of Pat's passing. My condolences to the entire family. Pat and I were friends through high school both graduating in 1957. We reunited at the class of "57" 50th reunion and sang together and shared lots of laughs. I haven't meet anyone in my lifetime that was as fun to be around as Pat - always cheerful, full of good humor, optimistic, and lover of life. Rest in peace - you spread much joy during your time with us. Bonnie Evenson Swanson

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**Bonnie Evenson Swanson** - December 20, 2025 at 10:04 AM