



## Patricia Jean Rauterkus

May 29, 1947 - February 6, 2026

Patricia (Patty) Jean (Falk) Rauterkus passed away on February 6, 2026 after a long illness with Lung Cancer in Ocala Florida. She was born May 29, 1947, in Deadwood, South Dakota to parents Harold and Edith (Eichler) Falk. She was married to Keith Rauterkus on June 26, 1999 and celebrated 26 years of marriage along with lots of travel and adventures.

It was often spoken that Patty was brought home from the hospital in a bushel basket. In her youth, she was an active water skier, snow skier and bowler. She graduated from Campbell County High School in Gillette, Wyoming.

Her career would take her to Denver where she worked for Denver Public Schools for over 25 years when she was able to retire.

Patty and Keith decided to leave the winters of Colorado behind for sunny, tropical Florida.

They moved to Ocala, Florida in 2013. Once they arrived in Florida, they moved to an active senior living community. Patty and Keith both took up golf and would play multiple times a week.

Patty and Keith loved to travel and take cruises. They often took long weekends camping in the motor home. Many weekends were spent in and around the lakes of Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota and Utah.

She is survived by her husband Keith Rauterkus. Daughters Kelly (Bob) Merth, Kerry (Andrew) Fitzgibbons-Shafer. Grandchildren Robert (Kahtryn) Merth and Katy (Mitchell) Merth. Brother Robert (Linda) Fardig. Many nieces and nephews, cousins and wonderful friends that became like family.

She was preceded in death by parents Harold and Edith Falk, sister Nancy Joann Fardig and brother Milton Fardig.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers

# Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia Jean Rauterkus*

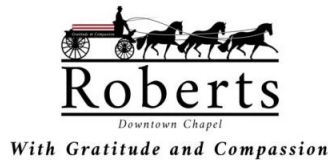


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“ *We were on a bowling league with Patty & Keith for several years, then started camping together. We spent a lot of time together; they were close friends. We missed them when they moved to Florida but clearly made a life there. Our sincere condolences to Keith and their family.*

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**Terry & Jackie Hodge** - April 11 at 11:18 AM

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“ When we were kids Patty would come out to the ranch and we would ride horses. When she lived in Denver they put us up when we came down there to go skiing. Great memories. I will miss her.

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**Len Eichler** - March 28 at 01:03 PM

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“ We were golf buddies, I even ran into her, while I moved her golf cart. Only a friend could do that. Also enjoyed our travels with Patty and Keith. We had our share of fun on our cruises with. We will truly miss our buddy, Patty. Will certainly think of you lots.

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**Cheryl and Jack Thomas** - February 10 at 09:31 AM