



## Elsie Patterson Peffley

January 31, 1947 - July 13, 2021

Elsie Patterson (Patt) Peffley, 74, passed away July 13, 2021 in Bloomington, IN. She graduated from Saint Mary's Nursing School, Huntington, WV and later obtained multiple masters degrees from Indiana University (IU). In 1988 she obtained her nurse practitioner degree from the University of Texas Health Medical Center, Dallas, TX. She was a nurse and nurse practitioner for IU and Planned Parenthood for over 35 years. Prior to and after her retirement, she provided volunteer nursing services with two trips to El Salvador and with Volunteers in Medicine (VIM). She later became a staff member with VIM. She had a keen sense of humor, a strong work ethic, and a desire to help everyone she met. She was a saint, a beautiful and wonderful person, and a fighter to the end.

She was the daughter of the late Charlotte Lackey Knick and Ronald E. Knick of VA. She is survived by her husband, George E. Peffley of Bloomington, IN, her first husband, Williard R. Church of Juneau, AK, her son, Curtis W. Church of Bloomington, IN, granddaughter, Lydia R. Rail, and grandson, Gabriel B. Church. She was preceded in death by a sister, Lea Anna Knick Lowe and a brother, Frank H. Wean. Surviving siblings include Joseph H. Knick of Martinez, GA, Charles D. Wean of Hope Mills, NC and Rebecca Wean Taylor of Roanoke, VA. In addition to the above she was loved by and loved her step-daughter Erin Peffley of Bloomington, IN and step-sons Brian Gephart and wife Ann of Evanston, IL, Jeff Gephart of Rochester, VT and

grandchildren Hadley, Dylan, Hannah, and Graham Gephart.

The family requests that any memorials and/or donations be made to PBS, Simon Cancer Center in Indianapolis, IN, IU Hospice House in Bloomington, IN or a favorite charity. Services were private and a celebration of life will occur at a planned family reunion.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com). Arrangements by Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Rd. 37, Bloomington, IN, 47401. Visit our guestbook at [www.allencares.com/obituaries](http://www.allencares.com/obituaries)

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Pat was a wonderful person! She was married to my uncle. God rest her soul and give her peace.  
Love you sandy coleman

Sandra Coleman - December 28, 2021 at 11:17 AM

NL

“ Sorry I couldn't find the obituary before now.  
Condolences, Dr. Peffley.

from Nancy Dudding Lindsay and Jean  
Lindsay.



Nancy Duding Lindsay - August 10, 2021 at 02:49 AM

NM

“ I give you all my sincere sympathy at Patt's death. I first met her in 1973 when we were young, new nurses at the IU Student Health Center. Over the years, I was fortunate to know and admired her for her real care of students and later for all types of patients in other settings. She had a pioneer spirit to become one of the first nurse practitioners and independence in her education and life. A happy memory is when she got my baby daughter to laugh out loud for the first time.

Peace be with you,  
Nancy Macklin

Nancy Macklin - July 30, 2021 at 11:30 AM

CC

I remember you, Nancy. Thank you for sharing your memories.  
- Curtis

Curtis Church - August 03, 2021 at 10:18 PM

RS

“ I had the pleasure of volunteering at the VIM office and getting to know Patt there. She was so wonderfully accommodating when we'd get backed up with walk-in patients, giving everyone the care and attention they needed (and helping us in scheduling with her flexibility). In our VIM interviews project, other nurses have told me that they learned a lot from her. I'm glad to have had the opportunity to work with her. My sincere condolences on your loss.

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**Ralf Shaw** - July 29, 2021 at 04:47 PM

LH

“ Sending love, comfort, and prayers, especially to Erin — Lisa Belcher Hamilton

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**Lisa Hamilton** - July 28, 2021 at 10:41 PM

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“ It was my honor and joy to have worked with Patt at Volunteers in Medicine. She was a loving, compassionate medical provider who cared deeply for her patients, even when illness left her weak and in pain herself. I will deeply miss her kindness and sweet spirit. I send my love and prayers to George and to all of her loved ones.

*Stephen Chambers*

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**Stephen Chambers** - July 28, 2021 at 07:41 AM

JC

“ George,  
*Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the passing of Patt. My recollections of Patt center around her attendance at our softball games and other social occasions. She was such a wonderful person and will be missed.*

*John & Janice Carter*

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**John Carter** - July 28, 2021 at 07:39 AM