



Patricia "Pat" Carol Rider

March 17, 1927 - May 12, 2025

Patricia "Pat" Carol Rider, age 98, passed away at Bell Trace Health and Living in Bloomington, IN on Monday, May 12, 2025. She was born in Chicago, IL on March 17, 1927, to Oscar and Esther Schaefer. Pat graduated from IU in nursing, and she worked many years as a RN for Dr. Weiss in Merrillville.

Survivors include her daughters, Melanie (Roger) Swift, Robin (David) Cole, and Ruth Ferree; 7 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren. Pat was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 72 years, Robert Gorman Rider and her parents, Oscar and Esther Schaefer.

Pat was a die-hard fan of the Chicago Cubs. She attended numerous games throughout her life with her family. Church was also a core part of Pat's life as she had always been involved in a church choir—even directing a children's choir at one point. When Pat and her husband, Robert, retired, they spent their later years taking weekend trips to New York, attending operas, playing golf, continuing their education through classes at the local college, and most importantly, attending Cubs games. The couple also loved visiting Disney World and would often take their children and grandchildren there.

Cremation rites have been accorded to Allen Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ Another reason we liked each other at Bibl Study & in Mark Wiedenmayer’s singalong ministry...I am also an R.N. Merrillville is where Turtle Creek Nsg Home had a 100 y/o I visited((Daisy Garten family who prepared Will Rogers in Nome after crash)

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“ My main connection with Pat (and Bob) was at the bridge table where we spent many hours enjoying that great game. But, more importantly, Pat was my soulmate when it came to the Chicago Cubs. I remember a trip I took with a local church to Cincinnati for a Reds/Cubs game. I was sitting with a couple of friends I went with and to my surprise here was Pat whose seat was right next to mine. She was a dear friend and will be greatly missed.

Janice Hunt - May 17, 2025 at 10:33 AM