



Patricia "Pat" Potter

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Patricia Ann Potter, 85, passed away on October 7, 2025, in Collierville, Tennessee. Born on January 1, 1940, in Sioux City, Iowa, she led a remarkable life defined by creativity, intellect, and a loving heart.

A graduate of The University of Alabama, Pat began her career as a reporter for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Her journalism work included coverage of several U.S. presidents, the space race, and the civil rights movement—an era that shaped both the nation and her perspective as a writer.

Pat transitioned from journalism to fiction, becoming a bestselling and award-winning author of more than sixty romance and contemporary novels. Her work resonated with readers across generations and earned her numerous accolades. She was a three-time recipient of the Georgia Romance Writers' Maggie Award and a seven-time finalist for the Romance Writers of America's RITA Award. Pat also served as president of the Romance Writers of America and was a member of both Georgia Romance Writers and River City Romance Writers of Memphis.

Those who knew Pat remember her not only for her professional accomplishments but also for her vibrant spirit and generous heart. She had an insatiable curiosity about the world and found joy in reading, traveling, Celtic music, and playing bridge. She was passionate about animal rescue, and many lucky dogs found their forever home with her. She delighted in hosting friends and family, creating warm gatherings filled with laughter and storytelling.

She is lovingly remembered by her brother Dr. William Potter; sister-in-law Betty Potter; nephews Bill Potter and Stephen Potter; nieces Laura Schriener and Julie Whitehead; and eleven great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, William R. Potter and Adelaide Potter.

Pat's legacy lives on through her books and the many lives she touched with her generous spirit and boundless enthusiasm for life.



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In honor of Pat's love for animals, the family requests that memorial donations be made to an animal shelter of your choice in lieu of flowers.




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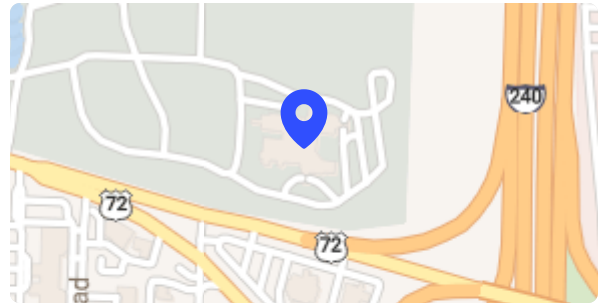
Memorial Service

 **Friday**, October 17, 2025

 2:30 PM CT

 **Memorial Park Funeral Home**
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119

 Fireside Chapel





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Elaine Meece posted:

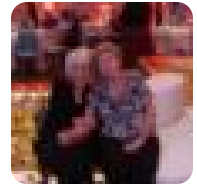
Not only was Pat an amazing author, she was a wonderful mentor to so many other writers. You could always turn to her for advice. She was always gracious, kind, and a real class act. I loved hearing her say thang like in it's a southern thang. I'm glad I was able to call her a friend as well. She'll be missed.

October 17 at 9:30 AM



Tara Taylor Quinn shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

You aren't gone, my friend. You are in my heart, and in the hearts of those you loved. Love never dies. Which is why you spent so much of your life writing about it. Your heart is also in your stories, and they are going to be around forever. You helped me transform my life, to find myself and be true to who I am. And you shared who you were, too. I hold those memories precious. Too many memories to share here. Our Mark Twain adventure is one of the greats. It reminds me to be brave enough to reach for more. Thank you for choosing me as your friend. Fly high and pain free. And talk to me now and then. Please?



October 17 at 9:15 AM



Venus Austin shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I remember last May of all times to visit the Zoo, 15 to 20 school busses, as it was the end of the school year. I decided to take her out of The Beehive, and take a Field Trip. She had not long been out of rehab after her stroke. She was so excited and such a Little Trooper. I asked her if she wanted a rental wheel chair. Of coarse she ever so politely declined. We would walk 2 or 3 minutes and we would rest 5 minutes. She was so determined to get to the Petting Zoo. We made it after a little while. She enjoyed that so much! Almost as much as I did! She was such a strong lady, and fighter to the end! She is my hero! Gone but never forgotten! I truly love my friend!



October 11 at 5:03 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Patricia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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