



## Patsy Martin

February 5, 1926 - April 17, 2022

Flora Patsy (Hall) Martin passed away at home Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. She was born in Viper, Ky., on Feb. 5, 1926. From ages 13–18, Pat attended Pine Mountain Settlement School, a boarding school in Kentucky, where she first met her future husband, W. David Martin. She taught folk dance at the John Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, N.C., as a teenager. It was wartime when Pat attended Wheaton College in Illinois. One summer she worked in a munitions factory in New Jersey to earn money for college, until her parents made her quit.

In 1946, David returned home from service in the Navy and asked Pat to marry him. As was custom, they rang the bell in Blanchard's Tower at Wheaton to announce their engagement. They were married in the chapel at Pine Mountain on April 5, 1947. They took a sleeper train to Iowa to begin their married life.

Pat and David settled in Randolph County, Indiana, and had five children: David Alfred Martin (Cecilia), Doris M. Myers (Tom Kubota), Rebecca L. Estros (Robert, deceased), Richard A. Martin (Penny) and Mary Lin O'Donnell (Michael, deceased).

Pat completed her education at Ball State University and taught at schools in Williamsburg and Lynn, Ind., and at Union School in Modoc, Ind.; she retired from Union in 1991. After retirement, Pat and David took up ballroom and polka dancing. They bought a motor home and traveled across the U.S., and took many cruises. The two of them set foot in every state of the Union save

one.

Pat was preceded in death by David in 2016. She is survived by her sister Susan Williams; her children; eight grandchildren: David Andrew Martin, Shannon McClain (Carlton), Karen Difiore (Mike), Lisa Kaminski (Mark Large), Holly Justus, Tyler Martin, Scott Catey (Misty) and Julie Huser (Matthew); and 16 (plus five step-) great-grandchildren.

In 1944, Pat wrote a poem "Two Paths"; it reads in part: "Always, when some part of life has come to a close, there is the silent recalling of the past—old acquaintances, ... laughter, sorrow—all blending to make life. Some find a joy in seeking out these treasured stores, viewing them with soft eyes and glowing faces. Others dare not look over these fragments of yesterday, for there is a sadness in knowing these happy days will not be lived again. But I have thought about that time when I shall be looking back, ... pondering and weighing each part with care—friendships, disappointments, peace, love—I used to think it would hurt; now I know it never shall, for I have had a fleeting look at the path that lies ahead."

Dearly loved by her family, Pat is on another "path that lies ahead" now. We will miss her, but the legacy of her love of learning and adventure will live on in us.

Visitation will be 3 to 5 PM on Saturday, April 23, at Culberson Funeral Home, Hagerstown. Private services will be at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in Mill Springs National Cemetery, Nancy, KY.

The family asks that memorials be sent in her name to Pine Mountain Settlement School, 36 State Hwy. 10, Bledsoe, KY 40810.

Online condolences may be left at [www.culbersonfh.com](http://www.culbersonfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mill Springs National Cemetery

9044 W. Highway 80  
Naancy, KY 42544

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **23**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Culberson Funeral Home - Hagerstown  
51 South Washington Street  
Hagerstown, IN 47346  
(765) 489-5511  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ I just wanted you to know how many wonderful memories I have from Pat and David. They followed me and the Band on many trips. I was always delighted to see them. I am blessed to have shared a part of such wonderful lives! Rest In Peace. Dan Witucki

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Daniel Witucki - June 05, 2022 at 01:28 PM

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“ Dear Grandma, you will always have a special place in my heart - together with Grandpa David William, Great-Grandma Ida, Aunt Mabel, ... who have already left and gone ahead. Having lost my grandmother in Germany when I was very young, I was so happy to find new grandparents when coming to the US and spending one year at Union High School, living next door to you, with your son David Alfred, Ceil, Shannon and David. My last opportunity to see you in person was in 2013. In my mind, you will always remain young, interested, open-minded, caring for others, ... and a passionate dancer. You and Grandpa were the ones to take me to my first „Oktoberfest“ ever, not in Germany, but in Indiana, in 1991. I am treasuring great moments spent together with you and your family. Thank you! I am grateful knowing you and that your family were with you until it was time to leave, at the remarkable age of 96. My sincere thoughts are with all the members of your family and with your friends who surely miss you. So do I. My family in Germany (who also had a chance to meet you) join me in saying farewell - goodbye Grandma! 🙏🙌❤️🥺👩🏻♂️ With Love, Martin Leo Maier, Germany

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Martin Leo Maier - April 22, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ *Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Patsy Martin.*



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April 21, 2022 at 07:55 PM



“ *Kathy and I send our heart-felt condolences to the entire family of Patsy Martin. While we only met her a couple of times, we appreciated her pleasant demeanor and sense of humor. God bless you all and may she rest in peace.*

*Gino & Kathy Marchetti*

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**Gino Marchetti** - April 19, 2022 at 04:16 PM