



## Patricia T. Alberternst

October 23, 1944 - October 30, 2017

Patricia T. Alberternst, age 73 of Highland, IL, died Monday, October 30, 2017, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

She was born on Monday, October 23, 1944, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Lester and Agnes (nee Jacober) Kirstein.

On Saturday, June 05, 1965, she married James H. Alberternst at Highland, Illinois, who passed away on Thursday, June 20, 2013.

She was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL.

She was born and reared in Highland, IL; graduated from Notre Dame Academy. She worked in downtown St. Louis, MO and later for Basler Electric. After marriage she ran a daycare business from her home with up to 19 children per day. She eventually went to SIU-E, earned a degree in Social Work. In 1991 she began working at the university bookstore and was recently promoted to assistant manager of textbook rentals. She loved reading and watching mystery and old western movies. She loved her time with her grandchildren and enjoyed working at SIU-E.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Aimee T. (Ryan) Cole, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Anthony Jacob "AJ" Alberternst, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Ayla Elizabeth Cole, Highland, IL

Sister - Betty J. (Paul) Ahne, Edwardsville, IL.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Lester E. Kirstein - Died 9/28/1975

Mother - Agnes I. "Aggie" Kirstein, nee Jacober - Died 3/17/2006

Husband - James H. Alberternst - Died 6/20/2013

Sister - Mary A. Mersinger - Died 10/29/1989

Sister - Lucy E. Staley - Died 12/2/1982

Brother - John L. Kirstein - Died 11/13/2013

Sister - Carol A. Beichel - Died 10/26/2014

Brother - James A. Kirstein.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 02, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Friday, November 03, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, November 03, 2017, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL., with Rev. Father Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Animal Shelter or H.I.S. K.I.D.S..



# Tribute Wall



“ Pat you were wonderful to work with, we will all miss you.

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**Melissa McEldowney** - November 03, 2017 at 08:40 PM



“ So sorry to lose one of the best mentors I have ever known. I am proud to have worked with and to have known her.



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**Lisa** - November 02, 2017 at 09:15 PM



“ It was clear that Pat loved working at SIUe. I am glad our paths crossed over shared years working in the University Center. I hope she has found peace from her suffering and is reunited with loved ones. Pat, you will be remembered...

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**Cathy Passananti** - November 02, 2017 at 05:15 PM



“ Friends at MBS Textbook Exchange purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patricia T. Alberternst.



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**Friends at MBS Textbook Exchange** - November 01, 2017 at 05:15 PM



“ *Garden Accent - "Gone yet not forgotten..." - Heart was purchased for the family of Patricia T. Alberternst.*



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November 01, 2017 at 03:24 PM



“ *Sherry Parnell lit a candle in memory of Patricia T. Alberternst*



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**Sherry Parnell** - November 01, 2017 at 07:23 AM



“ *After her surgery, I went to see her, and she begged me to tell her the story of the Highland Buffalo. I felt sorry for her because I made her laugh so hard that it hurt her. Should have known better, but when she asked me to do something, I never said no. I love her, and miss her so deeply. Maybe someone didn't want her to suffer through this. Always in my heart and soul.*

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**Sherry Parnell** - November 01, 2017 at 07:22 AM