



Patricia Elizabeth McCord

July 20, 1953 - March 8, 2026

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How do you memorialize the Force of Nature that was Pat McCord?

Through her many accomplishments? Pat was a scholar, a teacher, a mentor, a writer, an editor and a published author. She did all of these things with great verve and dedication.

Through her many passions? Pat loved books and accrued a massive personal library. She adored movies and gave the best Oscar parties ever each year. She was a fierce Democrat and threw her support behind all she felt right and true.

Through her loves? Pat met Charlie Amacher in 1980 at Purdue University where they were both graduate students. From the moment she saw him, he had nary a chance. They were destined to marry. He was the ying to her yang, the calm to her storm and the love of her life. They married in 1982 and moved to the mountains of Oregon. In 1985, Pat gave up her goal of achieving a PhD. (She was only missing her dissertation) and devoted herself to what she considered a much higher calling: her three children Alec, Simon and Quinn. She nurtured them, advocated for them, homeschooled them and loved them fiercely. Alec gave her two grandsons whom she adored Elijah and

Atticus.

Pat McCord was verbally acute, erudite and endlessly witty...sometimes with a sharp edge but always spot on! There was little Pat loved more than a cold glass of champagne and some lively banter: She almost always had the upper hand!

Pat had a very unique personal style. Her devotion to potions and creams meant she had the most gorgeous skin. She dressed in a manner that expressed herself and no one else... and pulled it off beautifully.

Pat was a great little sister to her three siblings, Jo, Chip (who predeceased her) and Jeff. They both still live in Watseka, Illinois where Pat grew up.

Pat made many many life long friends, all of whom are missing her greatly and feeling the terrible void of her absence.

Pat McCord was fierce.

She was inimitable.

She was wholly herself.

We will miss you forever and always.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **28**. 2:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR 97330
(541) 757-8141
info@mchenryfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

NM

“ Pat was a new friend but one that I felt an instant bond with. We met her and Charlie on our cruise to the British Isles in 2024. A great time was had by all and we were so looking forward to our Alaska adventure with them this June. It's not often at this stage of life that you find someone you feel you are going to become really good friends with but that's how I felt about Pat and I will dearly miss that opportunity.

Nancy Miller

Nancy Miller - March 27 at 01:28 PM

RH

“ A loving wonderful mother who gave her very best to her family and always and expected the best.

Rod Harvey - March 21 at 03:29 AM

JC

“ My Dearest friend since grade school , my heart is broken 💔
So many memories I will never forget . You were my Maid of honor at my wedding and my lifeline thru high school. I would help you with math and you would help me with English. You welcomed me into your family and loved me like a sister. My only regret is that we didn't take that beach trip together that we were planning for our July birthdays.

You will forever be in my heart. Till we meet again my friend . Love Always & Forever



Judy Comstock/Chilcoat - March 19 at 02:32 PM

PF

“ Pat, how will we ever go on without you? You were the best friend, mother, wife, coworker, and confidant. How will I know what to read next, what beauty products to use, what movie to watch? I remember at OSU whenever I coddled a student you would say “ They’re adults, let them figure it out” You will be missed so much! Pattie



Pattie Fenner - March 17 at 12:56 PM

HA

“ Such a wonderful coming-of-young-adult age friend she was. A soul mate and so so much riotous fun we had. Very difficult to realize we won't relive these times. Harriett

Hat - March 15 at 12:00 PM

CG

“ Pat was my best friend from 1978 until the present. I loved her endlessly. We last saw one another in Florida in November of 2024. We laughed endlessly, watched *The Diplomat* and shared our stories of successes and sadnesses. She was one of a kind. My life will never be the same without her. I will miss you forever and always...

Carol Gammelk - March 15 at 01:00 AM