



Patricia (Pat) Rhodes Burkhardt

December 16, 1961 - August 31, 2023

Pickens, SC – Patricia (Pat) Rhodes Burkhardt passed away August 31, 2023, at home. She was born December 16, 1961, in Dallas, TX to David R. Rhodes and P. Carol (Hulsey) Rhodes Curry.

Pat graduated from Belchertown (MA) Jr-Sr High School in 1980 and pursued a career in the Army in 1985. It was in the Army that she met and married on July 22, 1988, the love of her life Lawrence E. Burkhardt in Bad Aibling, Germany, and became not only his wife, but “bonus Mom” of his three children.

She and her family returned to the States in 1990, after retiring from the Army and settled in Pickens, SC after living briefly in Maryland and Virginia.

In addition to doting over her family and her pets, she enjoyed collecting antique furniture, knick-knacks, jewelry collecting and making, tending to her plants, an avid reader, loved watching and collecting anime and Sci-Fi, and most amazing of all, becoming an incredible cook.

After Army life, Pat was a real estate agent in MD and when they moved to SC was manager at the Movie Gallery in Pickens, worked at the cafeteria at Baptist Easley Hospital and most recently was a florist at the Liberty Ingles.

She was predeceased by her parents and will be deeply missed by her husband of 35 years, her siblings, Michael Rhodes (Laurie Waite) MA, Sherri Strickland (William) VT, Amy Rhodes, KY, and Kristy Benefield (Craig Gosselin) KY, her children, Lawrence Burkhardt, Jr. (Cindy) MD, Charlie Burkhardt (Rachel London) MD, Kimberly Blair (Josh) SC, grandchildren,

Alexandra, Cole, Meredith & Valerie Burkhardt; Charlie, Nathan & Raylin Burkhardt; Brody and Elizabeth Blair, and great granddaughter, Karissa Burkhardt. She will also be missed by her niece Sarah Rhodes and nephew Casey Benefield and his family.

Pat was a guardian of animals and with the help of Pickens County Humane Society took it upon herself to have the many feral cats in her neighborhood captured, altered, and then sheltered and cared for by her. In honor of her life, charitable donations can be made in memory of Patricia Burkhardt to the Pickens County Humane Society. www.pchumanesociety.org P.O. Box 83, Liberty SC 29657.