



Patricia Ann McCroskey

October 18, 1942 - August 11, 2025

Patricia Ann McCroskey, 82, formerly of Stillwater, OK, was born October 18, 1942 in Baton Rouge, LA, to Tenal Cooley and Oretta (Maloy) Cooley and entered eternal rest Monday, August 11, 2025, in Fort Gibson surrounded by her family.

Patricia, a dedicated and accomplished individual, spent two fruitful years in college, where her passion for learning flourished. She met and married the love of her life, John McCroskey, on September 7, 1963, and this marriage stood the test of time, lasting 62 years, 0 months, and 4 days until her passing. As an executive administrative assistant to the president of Frontier Engineering, the company who developed the Patriot Missile System, she proved herself to be an exceptionally skilled and efficient professional, adept at managing complex tasks with precision and grace. Her tireless work ethic and unwavering commitment to excellence earned her respect and admiration in the workplace. Beyond her career, Patricia was a faithful and beloved member of Sunnybrook Christian Church in Stillwater, OK, where her warm spirit and generosity enriched her community. She and John were also faithful members of Timothy Baptist Church in Muskogee from 2006-2016.

She was affectionately known as the "Fun Captain" to her grandchildren. Patricia was a vibrant and nurturing presence whose love for flowers, gardening, and stained glass brought beauty and joy to those around her. A masterful cookie and brownie baker, she filled her home with the sweet aroma of her delicious creations, while her cherished collection of Fenton glass reflected her exquisite taste. Above all, Patricia's unwavering focus was her beloved family, embodying the true essence of Christ's love through her patience, kindness, and grace throughout her life. Fiercely protective and devoted, she demonstrated a tenacious spirit that was distinctly Scottish and Irish, with a delightful attitude and an endearing stubbornness that endeared her to all. Her legacy of love and strength will forever be remembered by all who knew her.

She is now reunited with her parents; brothers, Terry Cooley and Johnnie and wife Patti Cooley; half-brother, Tenal Stilwell Cooley; half-sisters, Doris Miller and Jean Schwabe. Patricia is survived by her loving husband, John McCroskey of the home; sons, Mike McCroskey and wife Cindy of Canyon, TX, and Mark McCroskey and wife Katrina of Fort Gibson, OK; grandson, Hunter McCroskey and wife Taylor of Tahlequah, OK;

granddaughters, Micha McCroskey of Canyon, TX, Katie McCroskey of Fort Gibson, OK, and Matie McCroskey of Fort Gibson, OK; great-granddaughter, Sadie Mae McCroskey of Tahlequah, OK; brother, Patrick Cooley and wife Patti of Pottsboro, TX; her sister-in-law, aka sister she never had, Joyce Zurcher and husband Paul; nieces, Rachel Classen, Casey Cooley Murphy, and Jill Cooley; nephews, Nicholas Cooley and wife Kristen, along with their children, Clare, Nolan, Joseph, and Benjamin Cooley, Nathaniel Cooley and wife Heather, along with their children, Tayla Marks, JD Marks, Brendan Cooley, and Emma Cooley, and Matthew Cooley and wife Katie, along with their children, Leah, Alexis, and Hunter Cooley, and Cameron Cooley; extended family; and many friends.

A visitation with the family receiving friends will be 5PM – 7PM, Thursday, August 14, 2025 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

Patricia's life will be celebrated 2PM, Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Timothy Baptist Church in Muskogee with Pastor Jason Snyder officiating.

The family of Patricia Ann McCroskey has entrusted her care, service, and cremation to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for the McCroskey family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

AUG **14.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Celebration of Life

AUG **16.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Timothy Baptist Church
5530 W Okmulgee
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall

KW

“ John, some years ago you leased our Stillwater farm for cattle grazing. David and I always enjoyed visiting with you and Pat when meeting in your home to handle business. Also, a favorite memory is meeting your cat/bobcat that could in one jump go from the floor to the top of refrigerator. Thanks to the farm, we take the Stillwater News Press and learned of your loss. Pat always made us feel so welcome. We have lovely memories of her.
Kathleen and David Winslow

Kathleen Winslow - September 03, 2025 at 03:08 PM

DP

“ Dr. Gitanjali Pai purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Patricia Ann McCroskey.



Dr. Gitanjali Pai - August 15, 2025 at 08:39 PM

DP

“ Dr. Gitanjali Pai planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Ann McCroskey.

Dr. Gitanjali Pai - August 15, 2025 at 08:39 PM

LF

“ Lookingbill/Cole Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Patricia Ann McCroskey.



Lookingbill/Cole Family - August 13, 2025 at 12:16 PM

TB

“ Terry and Judy Fritts & Scott Bremer purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Patricia Ann McCroskey.



Terry and Judy Fritts & Scott Bremer - August 12, 2025 at 09:04 PM

DW

“ Dan, Tina, Taylor & Drew Wicht purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia Ann McCroskey.



Dan, Tina, Taylor & Drew Wicht - August 11, 2025 at 09:46 PM

DW

“ Dan, Tina, Taylor & Drew Wicht planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Ann McCroskey.

Dan, Tina, Taylor & Drew Wicht - August 11, 2025 at 09:46 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann McCroskey.



August 11, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia Ann McCroskey.

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DR

“ Don and Bev Reed purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patricia Ann McCroskey.



Don and Bev Reed - August 11, 2025 at 07:39 PM