



## Patricia Rae Tacker

July 1, 1937 - July 7, 2022

Patricia Rae Tacker, 85 years old of Altamont, Illinois passed away peacefully early on Thursday afternoon July 7, 2022 at 3:35 PM at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, Illinois with her daughter: Terri, Son: Larry & Daughter-In-Law Tina by her side.

Patricia was one of six children born to Harold and Eva-Jensen Wooddell. She was born on July 1, 1937 in Chicago. She got her bachelors degree in clinical psychology from Governors State University and a Masters degree in Special Education at Saint Xavier University in Chicago. She taught and substituted, including at Braun Alternative School until she left Burr Ridge, IL.

She married Larry Eugene Tacker Sr. in 1958, and had Two Children, Larry Jr and Terri. After the death of her mother Eva, while just starting her own family, the always compassionate Pat and Larry took in Pat's brothers and sister, Pete, Kurt, Ginger and Joey.

After the death of her husband, Pat moved to Altamont, IL in 1998, to be close to her daughter Terri and Pat's grandchildren. She continued to substitute in the local area schools and also volunteered at Lutheran Care Center in Altamont, IL until her retirement.

Pat loved researching genealogy on both sides of the family for over 50 years

and just recently found out she had another sister, Miriam House of Burbank CA. Pat was excited when Miriam made the trip to Altamont so they could meet for the first time.

Pat enjoyed a good party/get together as the life of the party, while enjoying the company family or friends. Pat belonged to many online groups and made online friends all over the country that would speculate and talk about old unsolved, and current crimes in the national spotlight or fiercely debate current events of the day. Those online friends would sometimes come to Altamont, IL to gather for days of fun.

Pat really enjoyed her family, her animals, including fostering, gardening and flowers. She was definitely an outdoor summertime individual.

Pat is survived by her Son: Larry (wife Tina) Eugene Tacker Jr , Shorewood, IL; Daughter: Terri Ann Tacker-Wolfe, Altamont, IL; two Sisters, Miriam House, Burbank, CA and Ginger (Husband, Richard, decd) Sorenson, Hickory Hills, IL; a Brother: Joey (Wife, Fran, decd) Kotalik, Romeoville, IL; her Grandchildren: Timothy Tacker, Nicolette Scott, Dennis Scott Jr, Gregory Scott, Tessa Scott and Jacob Tacker; Great Grandchildren: Dakota Campe, Allen Roones, Alexis, Blake, Cooper, Sophie, Zoey and Lily Scott; several nieces and nephews.

Pat is preceded in death by her Father: Harold Redmond Wooddell, Mother: Eva Francis (Jensen) Wooddell, Husband: Larry Eugene Tacker Sr, and Brothers: Pete (wife, Cathy) Wooddell and Kurt (wife, Lena Kotalik).

Pat's wishes were to be cremated and forgo any services.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, are honored to be of service to the Tacker Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherl](http://www.sutherl)

andfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I remember the New Year Eve parties she would have They were fun. Sorry for your loss*

Robin Kotalik -Hansen - July 14, 2022 at 12:54 AM

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“ *My condolences to the family. Spent many happy times and vacations with Pat years ago. My prayers are with you*

Bess Jasmer - Egelske - July 12, 2022 at 12:36 PM