



Patricia Elizabeth Friedman

March 24, 1934 - March 19, 2026

Patricia Elizabeth Friedman, beloved mother and grandmother, passed away just before her 92nd birthday on March 19, 2026.

Patricia was born on March 24, 1934 to Robert Lee and Carrie Dodd and grew up in Odenville, AL as the middle child of 3 children. She graduated from St. Clair County High School in 1951 and was double promoted during her schooling due to scholastic ability. As a young woman, Patricia began a career as a dress buyer in the downtown Birmingham retail district and worked for major department stores in the Birmingham area, including the historic Pizitz. She once said that she knew well what others would want to wear and traveled often to New York City or other major cities in the U.S. to curate collections, with many stories shared over the years of fond memories from this time. Patricia married and had two sons by the late Martin S. Friedman, raising her children in Birmingham, AL and for a brief time in Hollywood, FL.

Known as “Pat” to family and friends, she later built a cherished life in Trafford, AL where she enjoyed many years reading and working in the garden. Pat was a fierce advocate for those she loved and will always be remembered for her quick wit, humor, and spunk.

Pat’s favorite role, however, was as a grandparent. She treasured her time with her grandchildren (and great-grandchildren) and loved being their

“Granny Pat” and “Nanna,” never failing to miss a birthday or milestone. She was known for the lovely handwritten cards often sent to express her affection. Pat was a beloved grandmother whose grandchildren will miss her dearly.

Patricia is preceded in death by her parents, Robert Lee and Carrie Dodd, sister, Barbara Dodd Spruiell, brother, Robert Lee Dodd, Jr., grandson, Tyler Friedman, husband, Marvin Parvin, and many dear friends. She is survived by sons, Marty Friedman (Lynn) and Michael Friedman (Ginger), daughter-in-love, Carolyn Hula (Steve), grandchildren, Michelle Belue (Mike), Erik Merrill, Jennifer Friedman (Janna), Stephanie Friedman-Simpkins (Rodney), Robert Friedman (Katie), Dustin Hula, Chad Hula, and numerous great-grandchildren.

A funeral and life celebration will be held at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 11 a.m., with visitation at 10:30 a.m., followed by a graveside service for the immediate family at Mt. Tabor Cemetery in Blountsville, AL.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home
5360 Deerfoot Parkway
Mailing Address PO Box 118
Trussville, AL 35173
(205) 655-3444
<https://www.deerfootmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Service

MAR 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home
5360 Deerfoot Parkway PO Box 118
Trussville, AL 35173

Tribute Wall



“ Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia Elizabeth Friedman



Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home - March 23 at 05:13 PM

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“ Pat was more than special to us, she was family. The time we spent with her, the conversations, laughter and memories are priceless and forever embedded in our hearts. Not many weeks went by that we didn't share our daily routines or recollect memories of past times. Carolyn's dad was always in Pat's heart and hers in his. She will be missed but far from forgotten as she has left us with a legacy of love that will warm our souls forever. God bless you Pat, you've left a void in all of us that memories will have to fill, but fortunately there are many and we thank you for that. Rest in peace, you're with your soulmate now and forever. Carolyn and Steve Hula (Parvin)

Carolyn & Steve Hula - March 25 at 10:59 AM

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“ Bobby and Jenny aowens purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Patricia Elizabeth Friedman.



Bobby and Jenny aowens - March 24 at 10:44 AM

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“ Bobby and Jenny aowens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Elizabeth Friedman.

Bobby and Jenny aowens - March 24 at 10:44 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia Elizabeth Friedman.



March 23 at 03:01 PM

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“ Your bible study crew!! (Chelle) purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Patricia Elizabeth Friedman.



Your bible study crew!! (Chelle) - March 22 at 08:09 PM

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“ Aunt Patricia, you were always so special to us. I loved you just as much as you showed love to me and my girls and my grandbabies. I'm so sorry I didn't see you more often but I know that you know how much I love you. Now you're with Momma, Marvin, and your sweet baby grandson, Tyler. You always told me every time we talked you didn't understand why God hadn't taken you yet and now that you are in heaven I hope it's as beautiful as expected. Please give my momma kiss for me. I love you and I will see you soon ❤️

Rachel - March 22 at 01:58 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jennifer Friedman - March 21 at 01:10 PM

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“ Jennifer Friedman lit a candle in memory of Patricia Friedman



Jennifer Friedman - March 21 at 01:10 PM