

Pat Utter

April 14, 1934 – March 26, 2019

Mrs. Patricia "Pat" Ilene Utter, 84, Athens, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at 9:08 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

On April 14, 1934, Patricia Ilene Jernigan was born in Detroit, Mich. She was a treasured daughter of Bryan and Olevia Goody Jernigan. Pat was the third oldest of seven children. She was a member of the Rochester High School Class of 1952.

In the Rochester Church of God, on Dec. 20, 1954, Pat married the love of her life, Mr. Morse Monroe Utter. They shared 64 years of life's adventures. From their union came three wonderful sons, Morse Jr., Bill and Todd. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two more generations.

As an entrepreneur, Pat co-owned Morry's Ready Mix with her husband. She was office manager and kept the books. Each spring she and Morry planted a huge truck patch garden. The bountiful harvest provided her with produce for canning green beans, ketchup and tomato juice for the family's winter use.

Pat and Morry enjoyed an annual September trip to southern Michigan to get a supply of peaches for canning. To relax, they enjoyed many trips to Branson, Mo., to see the shows and enjoy some good country music.

As the matriarch of the Utter family, Grandma Pat was so very proud to oversee four generations. An accomplished quilter, she created custom "guilt quilts."



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Many were made with the help of her granddaughters. Grandma also taught all of the grandchildren the finer points of euchre and canasta. They all enjoyed fishing the gravel pit, where Grandma could be seen at the water's edge with her casting rod. There was nothing better than the family getting together making memories at the holidays and special family celebrations.

Left to cherish the memory of Pat are her husband, Morse Sr.; their three sons, Morse Utter Jr., Akron, Todd Utter and wife Ruthie, Rochester, and Jack William "Bill" Utter and wife Tammy, Akron; eight grandchildren, Amber Edmonson and husband Bryan, Ashley Hoyt, Lacey R. Utter, Aimee Utter, Krystal Costello, Brandi Utter and fiance Ryan Jonas, Cody Utter and wife Shanai, and Jack W. Utter Jr.; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Michael Jernigan and wife Cindy, Rochester; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Bryan and Olevia Jernigan; three sisters, Barbara Geller, Midge Ramsey, and Shirley Allred; two Jernigan brothers, Robert and Joe; and a daughter-in-law, Francis Utter.

A celebration of the life of Patricia Utter will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2019, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Pastor Phil Pratt will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Athens Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Athens Community Church, 30 S. 650 East, Athens, IN 46912, or Bethlehem Baptist Church, 3516 N. 650 East, Rochester, IN 46975. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

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