



## Patricia Mae Honsowetz

October 29, 1952 - February 10, 2022

Patricia Mae Honsowetz, born October 29, 1952, died February 10, 2022, was a true follower of Christ, devoted wife, beautiful daughter and sister, beloved mother, cherished Nana, and true friend to all those in need.

Family was always the most important relationship to Patty, and she treated everyone like family. Passionately, she loved with all her heart and served people with intention, skill, and open arms.

Patty's love for others and leadership abilities shone at an early age. In High School, she was Worthy Advisor of Bellevue Assembly and was also elected to serve as Grand Faith of the Grand Assembly of Washington and Idaho in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Highly involved and respected in the Kappa Delta Sorority at Washington State University, she was elected President in her senior year.

Patty was a schoolteacher by trade and began teaching in Ephrata in 1974. Moving to Moses Lake in the fall of 1975, Patty stayed home to raise her children. She taught piano out of her home and hosted numerous piano recitals. During that time, she also served as President of the Moses Lake Christian Women's Club.

When Patty became a mother, her whole life's ministry revolved around her children and the community: leading playgroups, running the Spaceburger booth at the Grant County Fair for one year, being involved in the PTO, leading Bluebirds and Campfire Girls, volunteering on numerous committees at school, being on the MLCA school board and auction chair, embracing the

role of team mom and coordinating family functions and family reunions – and so much more. Patty showed such love by making sure her children and others had all opportunities possible.

Patty loved Jesus and loved serving His people through the church. She taught children's Sunday School for over 40 years; served as elder at Moses Lake First Presbyterian Church; led Awana classes; directed numerous Easter and Christmas plays, choirs, and worship; taught and led Vacation Bible Schools and women's Bible studies; was on search committees for staff and pastors; and served on Christian Education committees.

Patty's home was always full of people. Patty loved holidays and celebrations as she believed in being together during times of joy and hosted too many parties to count. Returning to education, Patty received a Master's in Education and worked both at Moses Lake Christian Academy and in Special Services at Moses Lake School District. While she loved teaching, Patty stood out above others as she taught each student with grace and creativity, making sure each child was known and felt loved. Even when she broke her ankle, she continued to teach and creatively educate – all without complaining.

Advocating for children was always a passion for Patty.

She volunteered at SERVE Moses Lake for many years and was a volunteer Guardian Ad Litem for foster children in Grant County. Patty loved time with her friends and cherished her friendships. She also mentored countless mothers in the MOPS program, both at church and in her home. Even during the peak of quarantine, Patty cooked and baked and was seen all around Moses Lake dropping food off to all that needed it, making sure people knew they were not alone.

As a wife, mother and Nana, she will especially be missed. No matter where her children lived, California, Hungary, Texas, Alabama, or closer to home, Patty was always intentional and present with birthdays, holidays, and every event in between. Loving to give gifts, Mom seemed to always know exactly what we needed. She could often be overheard, recalling likes and dislikes, stories, and character traits of each one of her 15 grandchildren.

Mom's favorite book of the Bible was Psalms, especially where David was honest with the Lord. She often spoke of how short life was and always told people of the saving grace of Christ. Imperfection and sin keep us all from Jesus, and yet during hardships or strife, Mom would always claim the name of Jesus to those that would listen. Mom was fervent in prayer and prayed for all those she would meet. She never gave up on anybody and wanted to make sure each child knew that, despite herself, Jesus would always fill in the gap of the love we needed and the love we received. If you do not know Jesus, turn to Him, for this is all our mother wanted.

Patty Honsowetz leaves behind her husband of 47 years, Rick, and four children and their spouses, Melissa White married to David, Rebecca Cheney married to Scott, Pamela McLemore married to Oliver, and Nathan Honsowetz married to Christa. Patty was Nana to 16 grandchildren: Samantha, Norah, Malakai, Cate, Elayna, Ava, Addi, Ethan, Emmy, Thomas, Charlie, Rebi, Sadie, Joseph, Ned, and a grandbaby on the way. Her grandchildren were her heart. She is also survived by her parents George and Ila Sage, her sister C.Lee Sage and brother David Sage.

Her memorial service will be Friday, February 25th, 11:00 am at Moses Lake Christian Church at 200 Yonezawa Blvd or, if needed, live streamed through the MLCC website. In lieu of flowers, you may give to SERVE Moses Lake or the Light of Larson Church, as Patty's heart was that every person would know Christ's love.

We also want to mention a heartfelt thank you to the first responders at the scene of the accident, especially Sergeant Kyle Cox who never left Rick's side, and the nurses and doctors in the emergency room at Central Washington Hospital for their compassion and care.

# Cemetery Details

## Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
(509) 765-7848

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Moses Lake Christian Church  
200 E. Yonezawa Blvd.  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ *In the few years that Glenna and I lived in Moses Lake, we experienced a welcoming and friendship from Patty and Rick that we will not forget. She was always creative in hospitality. Although saddened by the news of her passing from this earth, we know she was a good and faithful servant of Jesus and is in His presence now.*

*Paul Bizeau*

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**Paul Bizeau** - March 10, 2022 at 10:38 AM

JA

“ Although I have been acquainted with Patty and Rick 8 years attending Moses Lake Christian Church, it was really when Serve Moses Lake reopened following the initial brunt of Covid when Patty was my assigned receptionist after I switched volunteer days that I came to really get more deeply acquainted with this wise woman. She spoke so dearly of her soulmate, children, and grandchildren, always showing pictures and telling some story along with sharing her positive hope and unwavering faith. I cannot imagine the blessings of those who knew and grew with her over many years as we observed by the number who came to honor her at her funeral. Our grievous loss of Patty was all the more shocking because she was such a precious and vital piece of our world as her light could not be hidden. Her sweet countenance, humility, and calm contrasted with her confidence, passions and abilities in carrying out her work and in relationships with others. Patty glowed with vitality, compassion, and joy, and will continue living in our hearts as she touched so so many. I cannot imagine the painful void the Honsowetz family has already been experiencing and will be living with for far too long. She truly left this earthly kingdom a better place but is now where she knew she would be, certainly a reason to celebrate amidst our grief. Our loss is certainly heaven’s gain.

*Judy Allen*

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**Judy Allen** - March 02, 2022 at 07:39 PM

SF

“ The Lord blessed me and my family with knowing Patty and the Honsowetz family for almost 40 years. She always showered us with her love and care by being beside us in both joyful and difficult moments. She made every person feel special and reminded all with the love of God. She was an inspiration to me and everyone else. I looked forward to our morning walks where we would pray together for people we know and others that we would see during this time. The love of Jesus shined through her and she was always ready to help in any possible way. When I needed to travel for medical appointments, she volunteered to do the driving. When I arrived home after surgery, she had dinner waiting for us on the porch when we got home. Patty has always brought so much joy to all of us. She was not only a dear friend but felt like family to me. She will be greatly missed and life will not be the same without her. We will continue to pray for the Honsowetz and Sage families through this difficult loss.

*In Jesus's Love,  
Sonia Farag*

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**Sonia Farag** - February 27, 2022 at 12:22 AM

AM

“ Dear Honsowetz family I am so sorry to hear of your great loss. Mrs. Honsowetz was a sweet woman who did so much for her community and raised such a sweet family. Sending prayers and love your way during this difficult time. Anna McFaul and family

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**Anna McFaul** - February 26, 2022 at 10:57 AM

BW

“ There are no words to describe all the wonderful memories I have of Patty, from the first time I met her in a group of women who were hosting me, the wife of the potential new youth pastor, for coffee, until the last time we spoke a few years ago at the funeral of a mutual friend. In that last conversation she gave us a huge gift. She said she always thanks God for our influence in her kids' lives and just wanted to say thank you. As others have said, she was such a giver. And she loved well. - Continued prayers for you, Rick, Melissa, Rebecca, Pamela, Nathan and all the rest of the spouses and grandkids that I have not have the privilege of knowing. Prayers for peace and an abiding sense of the comfort of the Holy Spirit in the new normal.

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**Brenda Williamson** - February 26, 2022 at 09:57 AM



“ She was a wonderful woman. I loved her as my Second Grade Teacher. She will be missed greatly.

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**Erika Wetzel** - February 25, 2022 at 03:43 PM

LA

“ Dear Rick and family,

We are praying for you all as you walk through this difficult journey of missing your dear Patti. As you know, you have been loved by our family: my Dad and Mom (Jack and Pat), Rod and I, Ed and Susan, for many years. Our hearts were broken when we learned the news about Patti. Rick, you blessed us so much when you spoke at Mom's (Pat's) funeral. You've been a part of the family. I'm so sorry we won't be there tomorrow in person to support you. Know that we continue to pray for God's supernatural peace and comfort to carry you in these next days, weeks, and months. I still remember a card we received when Dad died so suddenly. It said, "Not gone, just gone ahead." Those words brought such comfort as a reminder that our loved ones who know Jesus have just stepped into heaven and we are promised we will do the same. We still miss them, oh, how we miss them. And because we love much, we miss much. God understands that too. Patti's obituary was so wonderful. She is an example of the follower of Jesus who is met with the words, "well done good and faithful servant." Sending as many hugs as possible. Love you.

Lori & Rod Ashley

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Lori Ashley - February 24, 2022 at 09:55 PM

JF

“ Rick and family - When John was hired by LeMaster and Daniels we were a young couple with a one year old son. I so appreciated Patty and the connections she helped me with while adjusting to small town life. I loved going to your home for our 'tax widows' luncheons each year. Patty never met a stranger and she was so gracious and hospitable. When she taught at Moses Lake Christian School I subbed for her on occasion and and loved being in her class. She was friendly, bubbly and loved the Lord greatly. There are no words for the loss you are experiencing but know that we will be faithfully praying for you as you adjust without Patty.  
Love in Christ,  
John and Mary Friend

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**John and Mary Friend** - February 23, 2022 at 08:53 PM

JB

“ My sisters and I have such fond memories of our Rainbow days with the entire Sage family. Please know that our good thoughts and prayers on your loss of Patty are with you all.  
Jean Ballard, Judy Ballard Dunn, and Janet Ballard Marks



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**Jean Ballard** - February 23, 2022 at 03:04 AM

CS

“ Cindy Sage lit a candle in memory of Patricia Mae Honsowetz



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**Cindy Sage** - February 21, 2022 at 05:38 PM

LG

“ *Larry Godden lit a candle in memory of  
Patricia Mae Honsowetz*



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**Larry Godden** - February 20, 2022 at 06:31 PM

“ I first came to admire Patty when I worked at the Fisherman Bookstore in the late 90s. She would write her checks with such care and finality. I know that sounds strange to remember, but Patty impressed upon me a steady spirit, one that cared for others as shown in her purchases and friendliness. Her quiet demeanor stuck with me.

Just about two decades later, I had the pleasure of being placed in her "Mothers of Preschoolers" table group, where she had volunteered in the role of a mentor mother. Upon meeting her that first meeting, I explained that I knew who she was and she was surprised to learn that I remembered her by name as that kind, quiet, steady customer from the bookstore.

Patty lived in such an unassuming way--surprised that she would be remembered years later just because of her gentle love. Yet--as I came to understand during the two years I was graced to be in her MOPS table group--she GAVE. She gave and she gave and she GAVE of herself. To strangers, to young people, to children (oh, to the children), to friends, to loved ones. Patty gave from a reservoir that seemed to always be full.

Patty shared firm resolve in her faith with us young mothers. She related to us with grace and patience, and encouraged us to be women who chase after God and not just our toddlers. She let us know that our current struggles are nothing compared to the promises God has for all who place their faith in the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

And now it is difficult for my earthly mind to understand that the future she whispered about with her love, is the reality that she enjoys unending now. I was shocked by the news of Patty's passing, and will meet each day with the peace God provides. I pray for the same peace for her family. Each member. She spoke of you all often, and I know she prepared you the best she could to face the darkness with the light of God.

*God bless you, Honsowetz family,  
Yvonne Juergens*

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**Yvonne Juergens** - February 18, 2022 at 06:05 PM

TA

“ *Trina Alfaro lit a candle in memory of Patricia  
Mae Honsowetz*



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**Trina Alfaro** - February 16, 2022 at 09:44 PM

JR

*Rick I am so sorry to hear about Pat's passing. Although we have lost touch with each other I still think of you both. I appreciated both your and Patricia's support during my time in Rotary. Debbie and I pray that the Holy Spirit of peace will sustain you during the coming days and your memories formed during the last 47 years will be sweeter with each passing day.*

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**John & Debbie Redford** - February 17, 2022 at 12:13 PM

TI

“ *Dear Pam, you and your family have been in our prayers all week. We will pray for your travels and know that we love you very much. Please give the kids hugs for us and know that God Loves You Always!!!!*

*Love, Tina, Tom and Millie*

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**Tina** - February 16, 2022 at 12:52 PM

CC

“ Rick and Family, Patty was an inspiration to me, her gentle spirit and devotion to Christ, dedication to her family and children's ministry.

*She will be truly missed.*

*May the peace of Christ comfort you all.*

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**CarlaLouise Christian** - February 15, 2022 at 10:23 PM

LR

“ Rick and family - So sorry to read of Patti's passing. She was always so kind to Katie, Claudia, and me. May God console your grief, and provide you with sweet memories of your times together.  
Larry & Katie Rigsby

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**Larry & Katie Rigsby** - February 15, 2022 at 02:28 PM

JR

“ My latest memory of Patty was on Wednesday, February 10th. I finished my Wednesday morning Seniors Bible Study and when all had left, I poked my head into the church library when Patty & Wende Bickel had been meeting for prayer. Patty & Wende told me they had just finished praying for me. Patty (and Rick) never failed to drop by my house during the Christmas season and leave home-made goodies. Patty will be missed by so many people in so many ways.

*With much love for Patty and the Honsowetz Family,  
Pastor Johnny Roberts*

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**Johnny Roberts** - February 15, 2022 at 02:15 PM