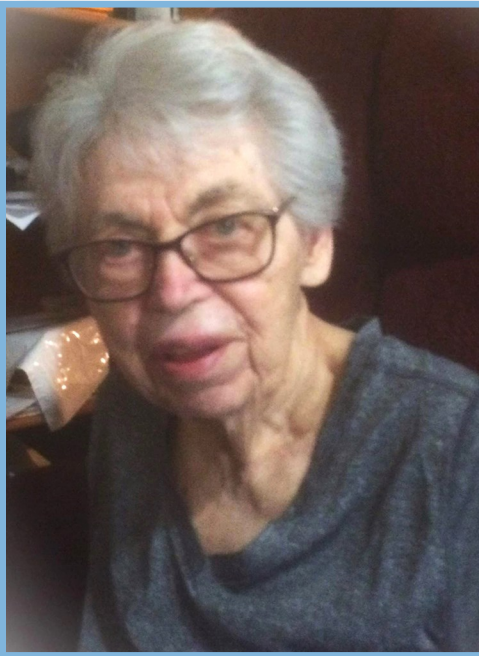


# CELEBRATION *of Life*



## **Patricia (Patty) J. Wood** **1926—2022**

**Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**a Memorial Service** will be held at the  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County  
at 333 Meridian St., West Lafayette, IN.  
The public is welcome to attend.

Patricia J. Wood (95) died in her sleep on July 29, following a video meeting with her family. She is survived by her sister Sue Smith; her three children Eric, Timothy, and Ruth Woudenberg, her four grandchildren; Carina, Toshi, Raina, Cherissa; and her two great grandchildren Arden and Kiara.

Patty was born in Oak Park, Ill to Homer and Lucy Jordan. She grew up in Fanwood, NJ near where her father was an engineer at Bell Labs. Patty graduated from Cornell University. Ithaca, NY with a B.S. degree in nursing and went on to receive an M.A. degree in public health nursing from Columbia University. She was a registered nurse and taught nursing classes at Seton Hall. Patty married Richard Woudenberg in 1955. They built a home in Wayne, NJ and raised their children there. Patty worked at the Paterson Board of Health where she was Director of Nursing and a Health Officer. The marriage ended in 1974. Patty went on to receive a Ph.D. in Education from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and she made a home on land which she bought from her parents farm in Shadeland, IN. There she married Edgar Wirt, Ph.D., a retired professor at Purdue University.

She was a patient and devoted caregiver for both her mother and her Aunt Helen who both lived well into their 90's. Like her parents before her, she was involved in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. For her own pleasure she raised pheasants, quail, ducks, and other wild birds which she released to the local farmlands to improve the wildlife population there in Shadeland. This was a big attraction for her grandchildren who would make an annual trek with their families for a big family reunion, and to sometimes see the chicks hatch.

When her husband Edgar died in 1989, Patty sought a private pilot's license, training at Purdue University Airport. She also took classes in aeronautics at Purdue which enabled her to perform some repairs on her own plane. Patty flew her plane cross country to the EAA Oshkosh Airshow in Wisconsin, and other destinations. She was a registered member of the United Flying Octogenarians (UFO).

# Patricia (Patty) J. Wood Memorial Service

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## Prelude

*“Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair”*

By Stephen Foster

## Opening Music

*“Für Elise”*

By Beethoven

## Opening Poem

*“High Flight”*

By John Gillespie Magee

Read by the Rev. Jennie Barrington

## Memories of Mom

Shared by Tim Woudenberg

## Memories of Mom

Shared by Eric Woudenberg

## Memories of Mom

Shared by Ruthe Woudenberg

## Interlude Music

*“Beautiful Dreamer”*

By Stephen Foster

## Open Invitation to Share

## Memories and Thoughts of Patty

## Closing Music

*“Oh What a Beautiful Morning”*

By Rogers and Hammerstein

Please join us after the service for a reception in the Fellowship Hall.