



Petronilla "Pate" Schuh

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Petronilla "Pate" Schuh, age 88, of Leesburg, FL passed away peacefully on February 11, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. Her husband of 31 years, Donald Schuh, preceded her in death in August 1990.

Pate is survived by her children: Timothy; Stephen (Nora), Stephanie, and Cynthia (Richard); her devoted grandchildren: Joshua (Kelly), Brittanie (Jeff), Amanda (Gerard), Jesse (Stephanie), Melissa (Coy), Kyle, Jena, and Joseph; and her beloved great-grandchildren: Timothy, Deagon, Camden, Collin, Arlo, Jace, Laina, Joel James, Calum, Finley, and Carter. She is also survived by her brother-in-law Gene Hay and sister-in-law Joan McMahon, as well as her many beloved nieces and nephews.

Pate was preceded in death by her parents, Mortimer and Alice McMahon; sisters, Mary, Helen, Catherine, Anna Marie, Maureen, and Joan; and brothers, Donald, Eugene, James, Robert, Hubert, Mert, and Merle.

Pate was born on April 22, 1937 in Fort Dodge, IA, the youngest of fourteen children. She was named in honor of a nun at St. Joseph Hospital who helped in her delivery. Her beautiful name is derived from Petronious or Petra meaning "little rock" or "stone" which symbolizes strength.

She attended Corpus Christi Academy in Barnum, IA where she was president of her graduating class in 1955. She worked as a telephone operator prior to becoming a flight attendant for Braniff Airlines where she was stationed out of Love Field in Dallas, TX. After leaving Braniff she married Donald Schuh on June 6, 1959 in Barnum, IA and they lived in Council Bluffs, IA. After visiting her brother Eugene in Long Beach, CA in February of 1964 they decided to pack up their two boys and move to sunny Southern CA where they later had their two girls. Pate worked various jobs over the years, primarily in customer facing roles, while also raising her family and finding time for volunteer roles, primarily within her Catholic parish. Pate joyfully retired from American States Water Company in 2000 after 23 years of outstanding service.



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Pate relocated from Cerritos, CA to Tavares, FL in 2004 and then to Leesburg, FL in 2020. She was especially proud of her Irish heritage and was devoted to her Catholic faith. She often told stories about growing up on the farm in Iowa and always counted her blessings for sweet memories with her large family and many friends. She was an active member in every Catholic parish where she lived and volunteered in many ways including, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Bereavement Committee, Religious Education, and Thrift Store Volunteer. She constantly prayed for all her family and friends and enjoyed teaching others about the love and mercy of God.

Pate loved spending quality time with family and friends and sharing meals and good conversation. She prioritized attending family events such as weddings, graduations, birthdays, and family reunions. She loved to travel and visited many countries (some multiple times) such as Ireland, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Croatia, and a special family cruise to the Bahamas for her 80th birthday.

Pate will be missed by all who knew her and were fortunate enough to enjoy her laughter and her love.

In lieu of Flowers, the family has requested donations be made in Pate's name to Cornerstone Hospice by following the link below:

<https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E346236&id=2>



Events

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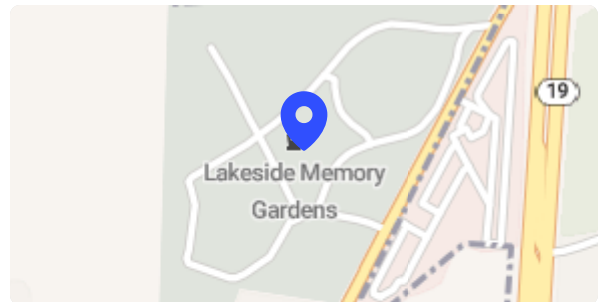
Funeral Mass

- Tuesday**, February 17, 2026
- 10:30 AM ET
- St Paul's Catholic Church**
1330 Sunshine Ave, Leesburg FL 34748



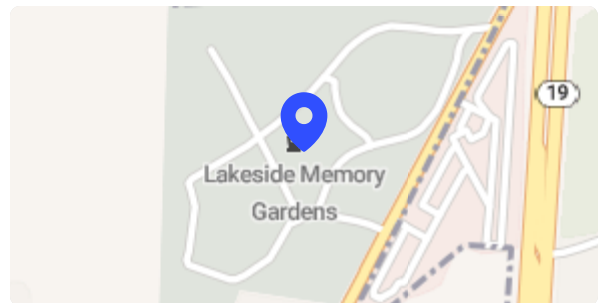
Graveside Ceremony

- Tuesday**, February 17, 2026
- 12:00 PM ET
- Lakeside Memory Gardens**
36601 County Road 19A , Eustis FL 32726



Cemetery Details

- Lakeside Memory Gardens**
36601 County Road 19A , Eustis FL 32726
- (352) 201-3577**





Tribute Wall

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Jane E. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Petronilla.



February 20 at 12:13 PM



J Evans (Fastjane) lit a candle in honor of Petronilla.

Princess of last The McMahon Irish clan Aunt Pate you will be sorely missed by very very large families of nieces and nephews. May your children be comforted by their beautiful memories of their loved mother. God bless and carry you, Aunt Pate, into eternal life.



February 20 at 11:48 AM



Jon & Stephanie, Merrill Lynch sent a White Standing Spray to the Schuh family.



February 16 at 6:13 PM



Janice Frankson posted:

Pate. Will be greatly missed. I was honored to take her Communion every week. She was a lovely lady and no matter what, always had a lovely smile. I know she is in a better place and resting in peace and may Perpetual Light shine upon her. 🙏🙏 Janice Frankson

February 16 at 11:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Shades of Purple to the Schuh family.



February 13 at 9:13 PM



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February 12 at 5:44 PM



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SB

Susan Basto posted:

Tim, Steve, Stephanie, Cynthia, and family, Please accept my deepest sympathy. I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom. I use to call her and Aunt Maureen "The Golden Girls" of the McMahan family! They both laughed at their new nickname and loved it! Thank you Aunt Pate for leaving behind a legacy of love that will continue inspiring our entire McMahan clan! Love and prayers to all of you. Susan O'Neil Basto

February 13 at 11:35 AM

YF

Your Fis Family sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Schuh family.



February 13 at 10:59 AM



Pen Perisic lit a candle in honor of Petronilla.



February 12 at 11:02 PM

JM

Jeanine McMahan posted:

I remember Aunt Pate and the entire Schuh family usually over at my Mom and Dad's for family functions and get togethers. Such good times in our garage playing pool or at the park playing softball . A cliché, but definitely the good old days. Pate will be sorely missed one of a long line of an amazing family. Love to all and my deepest condolences. Jeanine McMahan ❤️

February 12 at 5:44 PM



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February 13 at 12:07 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Petronilla by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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