



## Patricia Celina DesJardins

November 21, 1940 - April 17, 2026

Patricia Celina DesJardins, a radiant spirit known for her warmth and vibrancy, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2026. Born on November 21, 1940, in Hammond, Indiana, to Alfred and Anne DesJardins, she carried with her a love for life that inspired all who knew her.

Patricia spent her early years in Indiana and Illinois before finding her home in sunny Florida, where she built a life filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. She embraced her roles as a mother, friend, and companion with a heart full of devotion.

Patricia is preceded in death by her beloved parents, Alfred and Anne DesJardins, and her partner, Walter Edward Harris. She is survived by her children: her son, Jeffrey Dettlo; her twins, Kent Dettlo and Kimberly Norris (Dettlo); her daughter, Kelly Harris-Owens, and son-in-law, Larry Owens; as well as Robert Swaskee, who was like a son to her. She will be lovingly remembered by her grandchildren: Brittany Walker (Norris) and her husband, Ross; Emily Dettlo; Matthew and Cassidy Dettlo; and Devin, Riley, and Ariah Owens.

Patricia's exuberance for life was evident in her many experiences, notably her time as a Playboy Bunny, affectionately known as Bunny Pat, at Hugh Hefner's original Playboy Club in Chicago. Those fortunate enough to know

her are sure to remember her beautiful smile, infectious laughter, and that famous wave that could light up a room and bring joy to anyone receiving it.

Her passions included leisurely afternoons watching her favorite soap operas, excitedly following red carpet events before the Oscars, and binge-watching her all-time favorite show, "Friends." An avid football fan, she adored watching Cam Newton take the field. Patricia also cherished the tranquility of the outdoors, where the gentle breeze brought her peace and comfort.

A lover of all creatures, Patricia had a special bond with her beloved dogs- Domino, Mariah, Scooter, Abe, and Bobo-who provided companionship and joy throughout her life. Her kindness and generous spirit touched the hearts of many; she lived to uplift others and ensured her children felt loved and cared for despite life's ups and downs.

The family will receive friends from 2 - 4 PM, Monday, April 27, 2026, at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville. Her celebration of life will be announced in the days to come, where friends and family will gather to honor the beautiful legacy she leaves behind. Patricia's strength, spirit, and love will be forever remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing her. As we gather to reminisce about the joy she brought into our lives, we hold tightly to the memories and the love she so freely gave.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association (Western Carolina Chapter) 4600 Park Road, Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28209. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the family of Ms. DesJardins. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

APR 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Jeffrey R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Celina DesJardins.

Jeffrey R. - April 27 at 07:58 AM

WF

“ With love, Tracey Hanna and family! purchased the *In Heaven's Arms Bouquet* for the family of Patricia Celina DesJardins.



With love, Tracey Hanna and family! - April 26 at 11:21 PM



“ Your *Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Patricia Celina DesJardins.



April 26 at 10:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia Celina DesJardins.

April 26 at 10:21 PM

BE

“ Beth lit a candle in memory of Patricia Celina DesJardins



Beth - April 26 at 09:27 PM

BE

“ Kelly, wishing you peace, comfort, and love in the days ahead to you and your family. We are holding you all close in our deepest thoughts. We love you, Beth and Caleb Pardue-Albright

Beth - April 26 at 09:27 PM

SV

“ Blessed and grateful to know Pati and the entire family, 25 years of so many fun and wonderful memories together. Pati brought so much joy and comfort into my life, she was like a 2nd mom to me. I will forever cherish all of the time together and miss your laugh and company. I love you Pati.

Sharon Volpe - April 25 at 10:29 AM

SV

“ Sharon Volpe lit a candle in memory of Patricia Celina DesJardins



Sharon Volpe - April 25 at 10:16 AM

JD

“ Jeff, Jennifer and Emily Dettlo purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Patricia Celina DesJardins.



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Jeff, Jennifer and Emily Dettlo - April 24 at 02:58 PM

JD

“ Jeff, Jennifer and Emily Dettlo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Celina DesJardins.

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Jeff, Jennifer and Emily Dettlo - April 24 at 02:58 PM

KO

“ Kelly Harris Owens lit a candle in memory of Patricia Celina DesJardins



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Kelly Harris Owens - April 24 at 12:02 PM

KO

“ We love you mom!



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Kelly Harris Owens - April 24 at 12:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patricia Celina DesJardins.*



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April 24 at 11:23 AM



“ *Louie & Shanel Pontigo purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Patricia Celina DesJardins.*



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**Louie & Shanel Pontigo** - April 23 at 08:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Celina DesJardins.*



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April 22 at 08:57 PM



“ *Anything for You was purchased for the family of Patricia Celina DesJardins.*



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April 22 at 08:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia Celina DesJardins.*



April 22 at 08:08 PM



“ *Kelly and family sending you love and strength as you navigate through this heartbreaking moment. My deepest sympathies.*  
*Melissa St.Amand*

**Melissa St.Amand** - April 22 at 07:54 PM



*Thank you Melissa! Love you so much*

**Kelly Harris Owens** - April 24 at 11:54 AM



“ *"Memories" Shadow box lantern was purchased for the family of Patricia Celina DesJardins.*



April 22 at 10:02 AM



“ *Maureen, Charlie, And Sharon Volpe lit a candle in memory of Patricia Celina DesJardins*



**Maureen, Charlie, and Sharon Volpe** - April 21 at 03:35 PM

MV

*Sending our deepest sympathies, to all of the family, along with our cherished and loving memories of sweet darling Pati.. We will all miss her her terribly.. Her precious spirit will remain with us always!*

Maureen, Charlie, and Sharon Volpe - April 21 at 03:41 PM

KO

*Thank you Mama Volpe and family! We love you!*

*Kim, Kent & Kelly*

Kelly Harris Owens - April 24 at 11:56 AM

SV

*We love and will always miss Pati so much. We will cherish all the memories we shared over the years. 🍷*

Sharon Volpe - April 25 at 10:20 AM

EM

“ Emily purchased the Sunflower (Silk Mausoleum Flowers) for the family of Patricia Celina DesJardins.



Emily - April 19 at 08:32 PM

EM

“ Emily planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Celina DesJardins.

Emily - April 19 at 08:32 PM