



## Patricia S. Swisher Dempsay

May 28, 1939 - March 16, 2026

Patricia S. Swisher Dempsay  
(née Uschold)

Age 86, of Wilmington, IL, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 16, 2026, at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox, IL. Born May 28, 1939, in Milwaukee, WI, Patricia was the daughter of Herbert and Violet (née Mintzloff) Uschold.

Patricia was first united in marriage to Dale E. Swisher on November 11, 1959, in Joliet, IL, and together they shared many years devoted to raising their family until his passing on August 13, 1991. She later married Paul O. Dempsay on January 8, 1993, at Island City Baptist Church in Wilmington, IL, where they continued to build a life rooted in faith, love, and companionship.

Patricia dedicated nearly 20 years of service as a secretary for the United States Air Force. She was deeply involved in her community and faith, serving as a Sunday School teacher at Island City Baptist Church and as a member of the Wilmington Junior Women's Club.

She had a vibrant and social spirit, enjoying her years as a Tupperware dealer and manager, where she formed many lasting friendships. She also enjoyed spending her time reading and working on crossword puzzles. Above all, she

will be remembered as a devoted wife, loving mother, and proud grandmother and great-grandmother whose family meant everything to her.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Paul Dempsay of Wilmington, IL; her children, Dale A. (Janice L.) Swisher of Wilmington, IL, Lynnette (Jesse) Cruitt of Wilmington, IL, and Justin (Barbara) Swisher of Wilmington, IL; nine grandchildren, Stephanie (Aaron Rodgers) Swisher, Jackie (Cory) Lange, Jeremy Swisher, Teddie (Sarah) Cruitt, Michelle (Bobby) Maxson, Derek Swisher, Bryce (Cassandra) Swisher, Matthew Swisher, and Landon Dooley; eight great-grandchildren; and one sister, Gail (Mike) Penning of Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Dale E. Swisher; her sons, Phillip Swisher and Matthew Swisher; and her sister, Susan Droge.

Visitation will be held at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home and Crematory on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. A graveside service will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Oakwood Cemetery in Wilmington, with Pastor Jeff Logston officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Patricia's name may be made to Island City Baptist Church, honoring her faith and many years of dedication to teaching and serving others.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory  
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336  
[www.rwpattersonfuneralhome.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

## Graveside Service

MAR 28. 2:30 PM (CT)

Oakwood Cemetery-Wilmington  
P.O. Box 775 700 Williams Street  
Located at the intersection of Williams and Oak Street  
Wilmington, IL 60481

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ I am sorry to hear about Pat's passing. My condolences to Paul and the Family.

*I have known Pat since I moved to Wilmington in 1976. I knew her from Church. Sweetest person you can meet.*

*Again, I am sorry*

*Martha Anderson*

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**Martha Anderson** - April 01 at 01:40 PM

DS

“ Thoughts & Prayers to the entire family!

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**Dean & Beth Shepherd** - March 21 at 08:12 AM

GB

“ Pat stood strong in her faith and I am sure she heard her Lord and Savior say, "Well done good and faithful servant." Very well done indeed. She was a treasured mentor and we will surely miss her!! Condolences to Paul and her family whom she loved so deeply. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you all!

*Gene and Becky Becker*

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**Gene Becker** - March 20 at 05:14 PM

MF

*Pat was such a good friend of our family. We all loved her beautiful smile. Condolences to Paul and her family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Mark, Donna and Margaret Fielder** - March 21 at 09:23 PM

PS

*So sorry to hear. CONDOLENCES to all.*

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**Patricia Swisher** - March 22 at 12:12 PM

HB

*Pat shared the WORD. I remember sharing my view and she answered it with the WORD. I was wrong and respected her even more as a sister in CHRIST, We'll all miss her as she goes home. our condolences to Paul and family.*

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**Harry and Eyvonne Butcher** - March 24 at 09:11 PM

JD

*Pat was a teacher/mentor for generations of people. A pillar of our church. She leaves a legacy of streams of sinners brought to Christ. Feeling the loss of earthly fellowship but looking forward to the reunion one day in paradise. Condolences to Paul and her entire family. Until we meet again dear lady.*

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**Jeffrey DeBoard** - March 26 at 07:16 PM