

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LOVE OF

Patty J. Suedkamp

July 29, 1945 - August 3, 2025





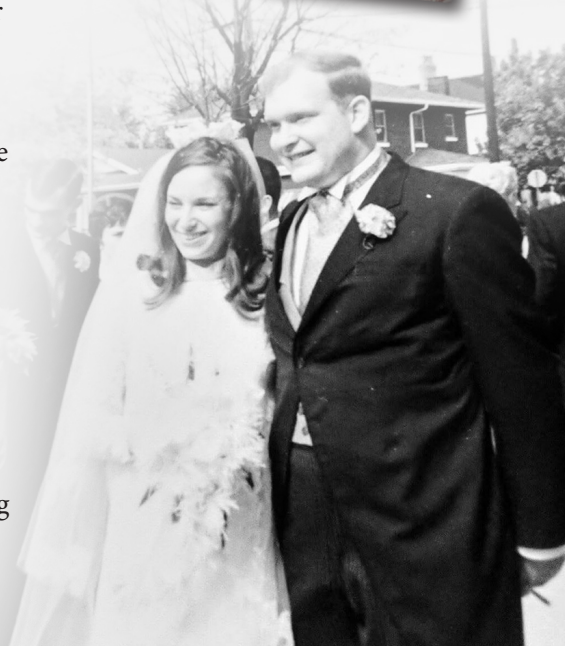
Patty J. Suedkamp was a warm-hearted, service-oriented woman whose generosity and kindness touched countless lives. A true pillar of the community, she dedicated herself to helping others while cherishing every moment with her beloved family. She adored nothing more than being a wife, mother and grandmother; always placing family first. She was fun-loving, optimistic, truly selfless and able to roll with anything life had to throw at her, even through adversity. Her warm, radiant smile could brighten any cloudy day, she welcomed everyone as a friend and her enthusiasm for life was contagious. Her dedication to her family was a brilliant, shining example loved ones will carry on for years to come.



Patty's journey began on July 29, 1945 born to Bud and Marian Winston in Covington, Kentucky. Patty was the second daughter born with an older sister, Sr. Colleen, and younger sisters, Pam and Lisa. She loved the social aspect of school and attended St. Anthony Catholic Church for until the 8th grade. During her childhood, her father, Bud worked as a projectionist, and the family treasured a unique collection of movie reels and memorabilia. Patty attended Holy Cross High School and shortly after her graduation in 1963, she began working as a telephone operator. She was a young woman at the dawn of her career, brimming with excitement for all life had to offer. Adventurous and outgoing, she embraced new experiences, welcomed every opportunity to meet new friends, and approached the world with open arms and an eager heart.



In 1965, she met the love of her life, Robert "Bruce" Suedkamp while attending a wedding. The two hit it off immediately and they married at Holy Cross High School on October 12, 1968. The young couple settled into a four-family apartment on Lloyd Avenue, and during her neighborhood walks, she soon discovered — and fell in love with — her favorite house on Graves Avenue. Bruce and Patty joyfully welcomed the birth of their first son, Robert "Jason". Before long, the Suedkamp family settled into her dream home on Graves Avenue in 1974, just as their family grew with the arrival of their second son, Erik. The family enjoyed camping trips with the boys and adventures to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, where wonderful family traditions were created. In 1979, they were excited to welcome their daughter, Jamie. The family cherished memorable trips to Michigan, along with venturing out to Orlando, Florida, where they enjoyed time with their cousins. While the kids were growing up, the family provided a loving home to their cherished pets—dogs, chinchillas, a pet gerbil, and even a pet skunk named "Slick." With her easygoing nature, Patty effortlessly went along with whatever came her way and was always ready for the next adventure.



For over four decades, Patty was a cornerstone of the Erlanger/Elsmere community, contributing through countless acts of service and dedicated leadership. Patty's commitment to public service was evident in every role she held. She was the first secretary for both the Erlanger Fire Department and the Airport Fire Department, later contributing to airport field maintenance and serving over 11 years with the Erlanger Rescue Squad. For 25 years, she served on Erlanger City Council, proudly holding the position of Vice Mayor—one of her most cherished achievements. Among her many passions, she especially loved the annual "Shop with a Cop" program, which brought joy and holiday cheer to countless local children.

Her dedication to the community reached far beyond city government. Patty led as Chairperson of the Erlanger Renaissance Committee and Chairman of the Friendship Garden. She shared her skills and compassion by teaching CPR, supporting special needs students in the Erlanger/Elsmere School System, and volunteering with the Erlanger Police Department and the Volunteers in Police Service. Patty played such an integral role in her community that the mayor honored her by declaring December 2 as Patty Suedkamp Day in Erlanger!

Patty had a gift for bringing energy and joy to any gathering, loved hosting friends and family, and was often seen savoring her signature bourbon and Coke. She made everyone she met feel truly appreciated and valued, always welcoming them with a kind smile and a compassionate, attentive ear. She was known for her kindness, and both strangers and longtime neighbors would often greet her with a wave from the street or stop by her porch for a friendly chat. Patty was also known for affectionately referring to some of her closest friends as "Bitches," a term she used with love and humor—one that would always bring a smile to those who knew her well. Patty's home was always beautifully adorned for Christmas, but Halloween was her favorite—transformed into a spooky haunted house where the entire family joined in the festive fun. Just like in the movie *A Christmas Story*, the neighbors eagerly anticipated driving by Patty's house, where she proudly displayed a leg lamp in the window. Patty was famous for her legendary mac and cheese, had a passion for blues music, and approached each day determined to make it a great one!





In 2001, Patty and Bruce joyfully welcomed their first granddaughter, Brinley. They were later blessed with five more grandchildren; Saylor, Noble, Camden, & Teagan. Each one bringing immense joy and brightness to their lives. They lovingly called her “Mimi”. She cherished every moment with her grandchildren, gladly caring for them while her children were at work, always putting them at the center of her life. Tragically, Bruce passed away in 2012, after a courageous fight with cancer. Though Patty was heartbroken, she faced each day with strength, staying busy by dedicating herself to caring for her family and continuing to serve her community. Known by many nicknames—whether Aunt Patty or Momma Suds—she embodied each one, leading with kindness and compassion toward everyone around her.

In her final years, Patty’s health began to decline, and she transitioned to Coldsprings Transitional Care Center, and then to The Summit of Edgewood where the nurses truly cherished caring for her. Patty passed away on August 3, 2025. Patty wanted to be remembered by the phrase, *She laughed so hard.... Tears ran down her leg!* She will be greatly missed, and her light will continue to live on in all those who knew her.

