



Patricia A. Johnston

November 20, 1935 - January 22, 2026

Mineral Point - Patricia A. Johnston, age 90, of Mineral Point passed away on Thursday, January 22, 2026 after a long illness.

Pat, the oldest of nine children, was born on November 20, 1935 to the late Charles and Vivian (Bowers) Parkos in Dodgeville, Wisconsin. Pat grew up in Mineral Point and graduated from Mineral Point High School in 1953. After graduation, she attended Madison Business College and received her accounting and advanced secretarial diploma in June of 1954. She worked for Borden in Madison until she married William Bracken Johnston on December 18, 1954.

Pat lived her entire life on the family farm where she raised her family of 5 children. She learned to make homemade bread and buns, planted and harvested a huge garden every year, and canned and froze a variety of foods for the family to live on year-round. Pat was also a seamstress. She made some of her children's clothing when they were young and was always behind the sewing machine mending and creating something new from a variety of patterns.

To supplement the farm income, she reupholstered furniture. She began by reupholstering her own furniture, and word spread quickly about her skill and she was soon reupholstering furniture from homes coast-to-coast. Pat

eventually cut down on the amount of reupholstering and began child care for neighborhood children as their mothers began working outside the home. She cared for children for over 30 years. Additionally, when the Town Treasurer position opened up in the Willow Springs Township, she won the election and held that office until her retirement.

Pat was a lifelong member of the Mineral Point Congregational United Church of Christ where she attended Sunday school in her youth and taught Sunday School as an adult. Pat actively volunteered at the church in many ways. She enjoyed baking and serving at community meals, church luncheons, and pasty sales. She also volunteered on Youth Mission Trips and participated in a partnership group with the Evangelical Church in Rhineland, Germany. Pat sewed many baby blankets for the church and also made catheter bag covers and lap quilts for area nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Pat is survived by her daughter, Marcia (Jim) Gratz and three grandchildren: Bryan Johnston, Amanda Johnston, and Amber Gratz.

She is also survived by siblings Shirley (Keith) Ayer, Trudy (Emerson) Gard, Roger (Nancy) Parkos, and Linda Bloom, daughter-in-law Gwen Johnston, and sisters-in-law Jenny Parkos and Helen Komplin; along with many nieces and nephews.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband Bracken; her four sons Bruce, David, Jerry and Scott, her parents, Charles and Vivian Parkos, siblings Nancy (John) Goldthorpe, Bert (Chuckie) Parkos, Gary (Jenny) Parkos and Ronnie Parkos, mother and father in-law Charles and Dorothy Johnston, sister-in-law Chuckie Parkos, brothers-in-law John Goldthorpe, Gilbert Bloom, and Neil Komplin.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 12:00 noon at

the CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST in Mineral Point. Pastor Daniel Yeazel will officiate. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery in Mineral Point. A visitation will be held from 10:00 until 11:50 AM at the church on Saturday morning.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Upland Hills Health Home Care and Hospice and the staff at CrestRidge Senior Living for their compassionate and excellent care.

In lieu of flowers memorials to the Congregational United Church of Christ would be appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

800 Fair Street
Mineral Point, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:50 AM (CT)

Congregational United Church of Christ
300 Maiden Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Service

JAN 31. 12:00 PM (CT)

Congregational United Church of Christ
300 Maiden Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The entire Dannenberg family purchased the Fair est of All for the family of Patricia A. Johnston.*



The entire Dannenberg family - January 29 at 02:04 PM

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“ *The entire Dannenberg family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia A. Johnston.*

The entire Dannenberg family - January 29 at 02:04 PM

WC

“ *So sorry for your loss, I always enjoyed talking with Patty on the phone or visiting her and Bracken at home , I grew up nearby and anytime my dad had a problem with a bolt etc, we ran up there to have it fixed..We always had a good time talking about family, both Charles and Dorthy were related to my grandmother Marietta, prayers to you all.....*

Walker Calvert - January 27 at 07:32 PM

LB

“ *I am very thankful that I had the opportunity to tell Patty that she is one of the strongest people I know. Life certainly presented her with challenging situations, and she found a way to overcome them. Rest in Peace Patty.
Linda*

Linda Bloom - January 26 at 09:54 AM

RM

“ *Marcia and family I send my sympathy. I had many connections with Patti over the years. Keep your good memories of her to help you heal in your loss. Rosalie (Armstrong) May*

Rosalie (Armstrong) May - January 23 at 08:55 AM

DT

“ *My sincere sympathy to Marcia and family. I enjoyed the trip I took to Alaska with Patricia. I also enjoyed seeing her at the community meals. My son also enjoyed visiting with her when he paid his taxes. May she Rest in Peace.*



Donna Toay - January 23 at 08:32 AM