



## Patsy Ann Arena

December 20, 1949 - October 13, 2013

Patsy Ann Arena, 63, of Murphysboro, passed away at her residence in Murphysboro, at 4:40 a.m. Sunday, October 13, 2013.

Patsy was born on December 20, 1949, in Elgin, Illinois, to Robert Lee Cummings and LaVerne (Slotagg) Cummings Conlon.

Mrs. Arena was a retired food handler from Kroger's in Murphysboro. She was also the owner and operator of Twin Lakes Bait and Tackle near Gorham.

She married Frank Harry Arena on March 19, 1966, in Chicago, and he preceded her in death on October 28, 2005.

Patsy is survived by four children Frank Arena, Jr. and his wife Lora Arena of Murphysboro, Michalle Velasquez and her husband Moses Velasquez of Joliet, Michael Arena and his wife Carlyene Arena of Effingham, and Nicole Gale and her husband Scott Gale of Murphysboro;

twelve grandchildren Frank Arena, III, Randy Lee Arena, Acey Arena, Joey Dunham, Romey Velasquez, Brandi Velasquez, Monica Velasquez, Reyes Velasquez, Tamara Schaufler, Kayle McWorter, John Lee Schaufler, and Blake Bramlett;

nine great grandchildren Hunter Lee Arena, Violet Blake Bramlett, Abigail Arena, Lilliana Arena, Bella Velasquez, Marissa Lee Yoder, Brylee Schaufler, Ashlynn Blankenship, and Falynn Blankenship;

one sister Colleen Kelly and her husband Andrew Kelly of Eureka, MO;

three brothers Douglas Cummings and his wife Donna Cummings of Lake Zurich, IL, Richard Cummings of Lombard, IL and Michael Cummings of Glen Ellyn, IL;

several nieces and nephews;

and close friends Deana Ardrey and her son Billy Jack Reed, and Dakota and P.W.

She was preceded in death by her brother Robert Lee Cummings, III, her parents, and her sister in law Denise Cummings.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at Pettett Funeral Home. Then, as per her wishes, her body will be cremated. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patsy Ann Arena*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *i had the pleasure of working with patsy at kroger west...she always had something funny to say...she was so much fun to be around...she will be missed....*

**tish saylor** - October 15, 2013 at 11:50 AM



“ *Aunt Pat,Look how beautiful you are in the posted photograph! It brings back so many funny memories spent with you as a child and adult. I will forever cherish those times we had together.Michalle,Frank,Nicole&Michael know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. There are no goodbyes for us,you will always be in my heart Aunt Pat.*

**Tia Parker** - October 15, 2013 at 11:35 AM



“ *Michalle,  
My most sincere condolences on the loss of your Mom. May it comfort you all to know that she is now with the Lord and she and your Dad are together again with no illness or pain. My prayers for you and your family!*

*Love,  
Pam, Bob & Joe*

**Pam Ponto** - October 15, 2013 at 10:23 AM

AK

“ Aunt Pat,

*Through the years distance has separated our family but one thing that will never change is the love we always had for you. You gave us a safe and loving place throughout our childhood and provided us with many wonderful memories. You protected us from the things young children should not see. I just want to say thank you and you will be missed deeply. To my family as painful as it is at this time, please know that we are all strong and will get through this saddened time. Along with prior phrases of Auntie's one that also sticks in my head is "You ate up" I love you and may you rest in peace. Love, Angel*

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**Angel Kutzer** - October 15, 2013 at 09:38 AM

GK

“ Michalle, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

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**Georgianna Koziel** - October 15, 2013 at 08:06 AM

MM

“ Dearest Michalle, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother , please find comfort in knowing that YOU did all that you could to bring her comfort, in her final days, and for that may GOD bless you. Praying that the will of GOD be done in your life. Knowing that HE is the only one that can soothe your heart. Take Courage ..... Merita

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**Merita Mayberry** - October 15, 2013 at 07:02 AM

BR

“ Grandma I miss you and love you wish you were here love, Brandi

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**Brandi** - October 14, 2013 at 06:57 PM

MI

“ Mom, I miss you so much, I wish you didn't have to be taken away from us, we fought a long battle, but knowing that you are not suffering no more makes it a little better, but me being selfish, I wish you were still here, I know you are going to be in heaven as soon as all is done, but when you look down on us know that we all Love you, we know you are with dad and everyone who has passed before you, yeah you all will be looking on laughing but know that you will be missed greatly. I love you and miss you - love michalle

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**Michalle** - October 14, 2013 at 05:47 PM

DH

“ Michalle, I am so sorry for your loss. Love to you and your Family.

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**Debra Heckelsmiller** - October 14, 2013 at 04:57 PM

AK

“ To the Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have many happy memories of Pat that I will always hold Dear to my Heart. One of Pat's famous sayings was "Get Wheeling!" and boy did she mean it at times. Now it is time for you Pat to "Get Wheeling" and may you rest in peace. Love always

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**Aunt Kelly** - October 14, 2013 at 02:24 PM

RJ

“ I will always remember the wonderful times as a child visiting Aunt Pat and Uncle Frank at their farm in Southern Illinois. The time I spent with them there were some of the most fun I had as a child. Aunt Pat had a caring soul, and I will never be able to express the gratitude I have for her when she came to my family's time of need when my mother was sick. Thank you Aunt Pat. I love you and you will never be too far from my heart. ~Richie

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**Richard Cummings Jr.** - October 14, 2013 at 11:59 AM