



Patsy Marie Tate Cavender

October 26, 1938 - June 5, 2025

Patsy Marie (Tate) Cavender, known to everyone as Pat, 86, of Arab, Alabama, passed away on June 5, 2025, in Nashville, Tennessee. Pat was a resident of Arab for 47 years.

She was born in Obion County, Tennessee, where she attended school and graduated high school. Following graduation, she attended secretarial school in Memphis and worked in that field until marrying Jerry W. Cavender in 1957. Pat lived in several different states before settling in Alabama in 1971.

She was a proud stay-at-home mom for many years and later worked for the Arab school system as a substitute teacher and a Head Start teacher. Known for her thoughtfulness, kindness, and spunk, Pat was active in her church and community. Her 45-year marriage to Jerry W. Cavender lasted until his passing in 2002. Pat loved being around people and made friends easily wherever she went. One of her passions was knitting, and she often gifted her hand-knitted baby blankets to others. She

also enjoyed being outdoors and caring for her family, friends, and neighbors. She especially loved her family, dogs, hydrangeas, her church family, and being at any gathering of people. Pat will be remembered for her deep care for those around her, her smile and sense of humor, her faith, kindness, and zest for life.

She is survived by her three children: Pamela Blackmon, Mike Cavender, and Amy Cho; their spouses, Barry Blackmon, Ginger (Williams) Cavender, and Henry Cho; eight grandchildren: Morghanne Hatfield (Aram), Jordanne Blackmon (Tim Hough), Nicholas Cavender (Isabelle), William Cavender, Allison Cavender, Jackson Cho, Grant Cho, and Tate Cho; and one great-grandchild, Finley Hatfield.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry Milton Tate and Lois Lanell (Grisham) Tate, and her husband, Jerry Washington Cavender.

Visitation will be held on June 9, 2025, from 9:30–11:30 a.m. at the Guntersville Church of Christ, with the Funeral service at 12 p.m. and burial to follow at Brookwood Cemetery.

Phillip Bradley, minister of the Guntersville Church of Christ, is officiating.

In keeping with Pat's lifelong kindness and compassion, the family asks that you make a donation to a charity of your choice in her memory in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements entrusted to Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Brookwood Cemetery

2059 Old Guntersville Road
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Guntersville Church of Christ
800 Gunter Avenue
Guntersville, AL 35976
<https://www.guntersvillechurchofchrist.org/>

Funeral Service

JUN 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Pat was my neighbor. She was the first to welcome me to the neighborhood. We shared lunches and I missed her and Claire so much when I moved. My heart aches knowing she has passed but I feel joy to know where she is today

Ann ONeal - June 09, 2025 at 09:37 AM

JW

“ When moving to Arab in 1980, Pat & Jerry were my next neighbors. I could not have asked for better neighbors. Miss them both



Judy Walker - June 08, 2025 at 09:39 PM

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“ I am sad to hear about Pat and I'm praying for all of you. I'm going to miss seeing Pat around town and talking to her. She was always a good friend to me.



Scarlett Cosby - June 08, 2025 at 04:02 PM