



Ms. Patricia Ann Cruz

August 24, 1944 - August 12, 2025

Ms. Patricia Ann Cruz, 80, of Peoria, IL, passed away at 7:47 am on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at Accolade Healthcare Peoria.

Patricia was born on August 24, 1944, in Milwaukee, WI, to Jimmy and Jenell (Young) Sanders Sanford.

Patricia worked in the hotel industry in housekeeping. She later worked in the food industry as a waitress. She was a caring and loving lady who would help people in need often taking people into her home who didn't have a place to go. Patricia was full of laughter, a great listener and an understanding person. Patricia loved her family. She liked playing bingo, scratch off tickets and going to the casino.

Patricia leaves to cherish her most precious memory one daughter, Patricia Dotson of Peoria, IL; three brothers, Richard Sanford of Peoria, IL, John Sanford and Garfield Sanford both of Milwaukee, WI; two sisters, Deborah Sanford and Carol; four grandchildren, Sandra Sanford, Recca Sanford, Jahron Sanford and Charisse Sanford; eighteen great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Delores, Sharon and Barbara.

No services will be rendered.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at SimonsMortuary.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother. Her presence will truly be missed in the Pierson hills ll community. May she rest in peace. Gene Gathers

Gene Gathers - August 28, 2025 at 08:33 PM

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“ Carmen Standley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Patricia Ann Cruz



Carmen Standley - August 15, 2025 at 11:07 PM

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“ My heart aches me and pat been friends for 40 years from the Taft homes I loved her and still do I'm going to miss you calling me Lil Carmen lord I miss you Know you wanted to be out of that pain because you told me you were tired but I won't be selfish I miss you sleep on my dear friend I love you ❤️

Carmen Standley - August 15, 2025 at 11:06 PM

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“ My mom was a wonderful person and she was very caring she live being with her family and friends. she loved her bingo boards and being on the boat was her hobbies.we love u mom and u will always be in our heart rest up beautiful 💜💜💜 purple is her favorite color



Patricia dotson - August 15, 2025 at 05:22 AM