



## Patricia J. Failor

January 17, 1929 - February 19, 2021

Patricia Jean Failor, 92, passed peacefully on February 19, 2021 at Sunrise Assisted Living in Gurnee, IL, following a dementia diagnosis. She was born on January 17, 1929, to Lewis and Sara Flom in Rock Island, IL. Pat grew up in Aledo and Lansing, IL, and graduated from Thornton Fractional High School as valedictorian. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Chicago and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin. While singing in the church choir in Madison, WI, she met her future husband, Dr. Harlan John Failor. They were married on June 19, 1954, after which Pat taught high school Speech and English in Park Forest, IL, Dearborn, MI, and Rochester, MN. Dr. and Mrs. Failor moved to Champaign, IL, in 1958 where Pat focused on raising their two children.

“To whom much is given, much is required” was a guiding principle for Pat. She lived her life volunteering her time and talents in service to countless organizations and the First Presbyterian Church of Champaign where she was the President of the Women’s Association, a Deacon, and a long-time Sunday school teacher. Pat served as President of the Illinois State Medical Society Auxiliary, Krannert Art Museum Associates, Junior League of Champaign-Urbana, Champaign County Medical Auxiliary, Civic Newcomers Club, Champaign Social Science Club, The Book Club, and also as Secretary and Board Member to many more civic groups. Theatre, music, and travel were favorite past times and she will always be remembered for her optimism,

personal perfectionism, warm smile, and the kind word she had for everyone.

Pat is survived by her brother, Edward Lewis Flom (Beryl) of La Jolla, CA. She was a devoted mother to Bruce Harlan Failor (Kathryn) of Idaho Falls, ID, and Kathryn Ann Chapman (William) of Libertyville, IL. Her eight grandchildren: Elizabeth Chapman, Kristine Chapman, Samuel Failor, Tamara Failor, Azelyn Marquez, Zhenya Phillips, Yana Failor, and Andrew Failor, and eight great grandchildren: Rosalind and Elodie Failor, Nineveh Cranley, Cruz and Izel Marquez, Kai'on Kirkland, and Zhemon and Monterick (Junior) Phillips survived her as well. Pat was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Harlan John Failor, in 2012.

A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Champaign, IL, when it is safe to travel and gather. Memorials may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of Champaign or a charity of your choice. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Nothing describes Pat better than "a lovely smile and a warm word"....and, she was also gracious, outgoing, friendly and always ready to engage in wonderfully interesting conversation. Don and I met and fell in love in the early 50's while attending UW and enjoyed that kinship with Pat and Harlan. All fortunate to have known Pat will miss her very much ! Pat & Don Ritter

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