



Patricia A. Hansel "Trish"

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Born to Life: November 27, 1933, in La Crosse, WI

Born to Eternal Life: March 4, 2025, in Franklin, WI

Age 91 years, formerly of Waukesha, WI

Trish is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth A. Hansel. She was preceded in death by her husband, William "Charlie" Hansel; her parents, Frank and Beatrice (née Belcher) Kachel, Aunt Eleanor Brasic, who was more like a sister and the family's cherished cats. She is also survived by other relatives and dear friends.

Trish was a devoted mother and a loyal friend, known for her dry sense of humor and infectious laugh. She cared for Charlie with remarkable strength and unwavering devotion, maintaining a stiff upper lip through life's challenges. Together, they shared laughter, travel, museum visits, and many memorable meals.

After moving frequently during her childhood, Trish found a true community with the Y's Silver Sneaker Program, where she formed lasting friendships. She enjoyed coffee dates, walks around Waukesha, and the companionship of her Silver Sneaker friends. She was a powerful presence in her daughter's life and will be deeply missed.

In the early 1980s, Trish oversaw Girl Scout cookie distribution to troops in Waukesha. While working at WA Krueger Co., she earned the respect of Larry Quadracci. She found joy in her work at the telephone company and the Brookfield Library. Her passions included PBS, birdwatching, and tackling crossword puzzles.

Trish loved reading to Elizabeth when she was young. She never lost her sense of humor, famously quipping upon Elizabeth's return from the Netherlands, "What happened to my polite, well-mannered daughter?"

Per Trish's wishes, no formal funeral will be held. A memorial gathering will take place this summer in her hometown of La Crosse, WI. Details will be announced at a later date.