



Patricia Sulcer Swan

April 26, 1942 - January 7, 2026

Patricia Sulcer Swan, of Marion, Arkansas, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. She was born on April 26, 1942, in Memphis, Tennessee, and was the eldest of three children born to Samuel Augustus Sulcer and Irene Billingsley Sulcer. She is survived by her brother, Ted Augustus Sulcer, and his wife, Sheila Stroud Sulcer, who spent many years in Sherwood and now make their home in Bentonville, Arkansas. She is also survived by her sister, Pamela Sulcer Dover, and her husband, Terry Dover, of Palestine, Arkansas.

Patricia accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in the L'Anquille River in her hometown of Palestine, Arkansas. A devout Christian throughout her life, she was an active member of Marion First Baptist Church, where she faithfully attended worship services and Sunday School for many years.

After graduating from Forrest City High School, Patricia briefly attended Mississippi State College for Women before earning her degree from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. She dedicated her career to education, teaching elementary school in both Palestine and Marion, Arkansas, for many years. She retired from teaching in May 2004.

On September 6, 1963, Patricia married Frederick Knox Swan at First Baptist Church in Palestine, Arkansas. They shared 62 loving years of marriage and

made their home in Marion, Arkansas, where they raised their two children: Frederick Knox Swan Jr. and his wife, Christie White Swan, of Marion, Arkansas, and Melissa Swan Griggs and her husband, Ron Griggs, of Fayetteville, Arkansas. Patricia was a devoted and loving Nana who treasured her four grandchildren—Blake and Shelby Swan, and Bailey and Abby Griggs.

Patricia devoted her life to her husband and children, setting an example of unconditional love and patience. She was known as the family's "peacemaker," always seeking harmony and resolution and wanting those she loved to live in peace with one another.

Patricia loved to travel and often served as the navigator and map reader on trips with Fred. They especially enjoyed exploring their home state of Arkansas. One of her most recent adventures was visiting all 52 Arkansas State Parks.

All services will be held at Marion First Baptist Church with Pastor James Nichols officiating. Visitation will be from 12:00 -1:00 pm on Saturday, January 10. The service will follow at 1:00 pm at the church. Burial will follow at Crittenden Memorial Park in Marion, Arkansas.

Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Marion First Baptist Church, Gideons International, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Stevens Funeral Home in Forrest City, Arkansas, is in charge of arrangements. You may sign an online guestbook at www.stevensfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

Crittenden Memorial Park

Marion, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Marion First Baptist Church
2137 AR-77
Marion, AR 72364

Funeral Service

JAN 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

Marion First Baptist Church
2137 AR-77
Marion, AR 72364

Interment

JAN 10 (CT)

Crittenden Memorial Park
Marion, AR

Tribute Wall

DD

“ Patricia was always smiling and friendly. She was a beautiful witness for her faith. Our hearts go out to Fred and their children and families. She will be missed!

Dentie and Becky Doyle - January 11 at 02:46 PM

MG

“ Mom always had a Kleenex in her pocket and a tube of lipstick in her purse ❤️

Melissa Griggs - January 11 at 12:15 PM

AS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of sweet Mrs Patricia. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.
David and Amy (Payne) Sisson

Amy Sisson - January 10 at 10:56 AM

TG

“ Thea G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Sulcer Swan.

Thea G. - January 09 at 11:13 PM



“ So sorry to learn of Patricia passing. She was a wonderful wife and helpmate to Fred and special to your family. May friends and prayers sustain you in your time of grief. Bill Skelton

Bill Skelton - January 09 at 09:30 PM

DE

“ We been going to church with Patricia Fred for 28 years they are a loving couple. ZLove from Mary Ellen David Ervin she will be missed

David Mary Ellen Ervin - January 09 at 07:57 PM

KE

“ Fred, Freddie, Melissa and family. Patricia's calm, caring nature shined throughout her years of teaching. Many children were blessed to share in her love of learning. I enjoyed staying connected with Patricia in her travels and interests! You each are in my thoughts and prayers. Bless you all...Kay (Bunch) Foley Ellis

Kay Foley Ellis - January 09 at 04:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia Sulcer Swan.



January 09 at 01:57 PM

RM

“ Stanley and I are so sorry to hear about Mrs. Swan. We attended Marion First Baptist with them for many years and our daughter, Rebekah, was in Mrs. Swan's class in 2nd Grade. I also have tender memories knowing that she and Mr. Fred were long time friends with my dad, Ollie Warren, who graduated with them from Forrest City High School. Mrs. Swan will be greatly missed. Prayers for the family through these sad times. Until we see you again in heaven... say hi to my mom and dad. Love, Rae Millerd

Rae Millerd - January 09 at 01:36 PM

JN

“ Janet Harper, Linda Niedringhaus purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Patricia Sulcer Swan.



Janet Harper, Linda Niedringhaus - January 09 at 01:14 PM

BF

“ Bruce, Nancy and MK & families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patricia Sulcer Swan.



Bruce, Nancy and MK & families - January 09 at 12:39 PM



“ My Sincere Condolences to Her Family 🙏🥹



Tammy Hudson - January 09 at 12:15 PM