



## Patricia Ann Banister

September 15, 1949 - February 12, 2019

Patricia Ann Stancliff was born September 15, 1949 to Ray and Dorothy (Stubblefield) Stancliff in Bakersfield, California. Always one to do her own thing, Pat decided that in the third grade she was done getting taller. Luckily, she had already reached her adult height of six feet two inches tall. After high school and college, Pat spent time in Alaska, Texas and then back to California. In December of 1977, Pat moved to Eastern Montana to stay. She soon met a tall, tobacco chewin' farmer and rancher named Ray Banister. On February 29, 1980, Pat and Devon joined Ray in marriage and moved south of Wibaux. Life was perfect for almost a full fifteen months, when suddenly it became clear things were going to change. Not only was Devon getting an annoying little sibling, but two of them, and to make matters worse, they were girls.

Over the next forty years, Pat did a lifetime of things while raising three kids with Ray. While they were in school or through all hours of the night, she would pull staples, tie buttons, and reupholster everything from rocking horses to classic car interiors. When the twins reached high school, there was a need for a hardware store in town, and thus the Wibaux General Store opened with Pat and Penny Obrigewitch as co-owners. Somewhere in there, she also found the time to train as an EMT and was a proud part of the Wibaux Ambulance Service as well as a deputy for the Wibaux Sheriff's office. Pat enjoyed trapshooting with her mother, and became an accomplished shooter winning many trophies and titles, including Montana State Championships in

handicap and doubles.

For the last several years, Pat and Ray worked with the 4-H shooting sports in Wibaux County. After a decade of working long hours six days a week, Pat decided it was time to slow down, and worked part time for a couple of years. Then an even better opportunity came along, a second chance to help raise some decent girls, when she became babysitter and best friend to two of her granddaughters, Amelia and Sophia.

Even with all the hours she put in out of the home, she always had time for her family. Pat loved having her family in her home, either for a holiday or just because. Her grandkids were very special to her, and whether it was rescuing them from Mexican Jail or just offering a snuggle to watch a Disney movie, Grandma Pat was there. It was quite a miracle to see that after the Banister children grew up thinking candy and sweets were only for special occasions, the Banister grandchildren found Grandma Pat's house had chocolate and cookies and cakes and pies in every cupboard of the house.

In 2015, Pat suffered a stroke in her home. Overcoming that stroke was a challenge, but she worked hard and never complained. While in Denver for a small procedure to do some touch up work on her original stroke repair, Pat suffered another stroke shortly before being released to come home. This time it was too much, and Pat passed away February 12, 2019.

Pat is preceded in death by her father, Ray Stancliff. She leaves behind her husband of almost forty years, Ray; her mother, Dorothy Stancliff of the family ranch; her sister, Shelly (George) Kuck; her sons, Devon Banister and Larry (Kim) Law; her daughters, Jennifer (Brian) Miller and Janet (Aaron) Morgenstern along with her grandchildren, Lane Banister, Mackenzie (Jude) Hintz, Zach (Faith) Tysver, Chelsi & Autumn Law, Amelia and Sophia Fladager, Elliot and Reece Morgenstern and Allison, Adam and Emily Miller. She also had two great grandchildren, Samuel Hintz and Elena Tysver. She also leaves behind an aunt, numerous cousins and a lifetime of friends.

A Memorial Service is planned for 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Wibaux county Fairgrounds in Wibaux. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has

been entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Wibaux Ambulance Service, Wibaux County 4-H or your local hospice organization.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (MT)

Wibaux County Fairgrounds  
Wibaux, MT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Ann Banister*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss! Did her husband have a sister named Ruth Ann banister from Memphis , Tn who passed away around 1960 at age 12. She fainted on her bed face down and smothered before her mom went to her room to get her for breakfast. She was my best friend. Been thinking of her for 60 years. We went to Peabody elementary school in Memphis, Tn midtown. Thank u for your time*

**grace** - January 03, 2020 at 09:27 PM



*No.*

**Jennifer Miller** - February 04, 2020 at 11:07 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Pat's passing, Kenny and I just heard this today..prayers to the families, she will be missed by many.*

*Ken & Bonnie Nelson*

**Ken & Bonnie Nelson** - April 01, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Banister.*



March 07, 2019 at 04:42 PM

SF

“ Sincerely, Your Enterprise Rent-A-Car Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patricia Ann Banister.



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**Sincerely, Your Enterprise Rent-A-Car Family** - March 05, 2019 at 04:27 PM

LH

“ Ray and family: I am so sorry and saddened to read of Pat leaving us and this world. She will be missed by many. She leaves a great legacy and love not only with her family but her community which she was a large part of. She will be dearly missed but also remembered. May you all find a peace and strength found through the love of our Lord to carry on. Hugs and prayers, Linda Hepperle-Glendive, MT

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**Linda Hepperle** - March 02, 2019 at 05:29 PM

RG

“ Capital City Gun Club has missed Pat & Dorothy's presence the past few years at our trapshoots. Pat was a great ambassador for trapshooting. In addition to being an excellent shot, Pat was always willing to share ideas and tips to her fellow shooters when they were struggling. She was a wonderful person and made many friends at our club. We will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. Rod Gilmore, Capital City Gun Club

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**Rod Gilmore** - March 01, 2019 at 12:10 PM

GF

“ Please accept my family's sincere condolences on the loss of your dear loved one Mrs. Banister. May you find comfort in fond memories of her, and peace in God's assured promise to awaken those asleep in death to perfect health and conditions under his new Earthly government.

Greene Family - February 25, 2019 at 10:28 AM

MW

“ We will miss Pat very much. I enjoyed visiting and shooting we Pat at trap shoots. Melissa, Duane and Billy Woodworth.

Melissa Woodworth - February 24, 2019 at 08:12 AM

CD

“ I only had one conversation in my life but it was one of the most meaningful for she was on the ambulance crew the night my son was seriously injured in an automobile accident. She helped me piece together the events of that night, and I have never forgotten how she and her husband worked so hard (and succeeded) in saving my son's life. I have thought of her with great fondness many times since. What a blessing she was to many. My sympathy to all who are experiencing the loss of a very fine woman.

Carole J. Diede - February 21, 2019 at 03:16 PM



Thank you so much for sharing. That means a lot to me. (Her daughter.)

Janet Morgenstern - February 22, 2019 at 10:20 PM

SW

Pat and Dorothy were some of the best and most consistent trapshooters at the Billings Trap Club. We have missed them both. We were so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. Wibaux has lost one of it's best.

Sharon Wetsch - March 04, 2019 at 10:26 AM

PT

“ Ray we send our condolences to you and your family.  
*Paul and Patricia Thompson*

Paul Thompson - February 21, 2019 at 01:57 PM

PS

“ Paul and Mary Sims purchased the Medium Dish  
Garden for the family of Patricia Ann Banister.



Paul and Mary Sims - February 21, 2019 at 11:35 AM

EQ

“ Keeping your family in our thoughts and  
prayers



Ed & Carlana Quinn - February 21, 2019 at 10:48 AM

DJ

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Pat. She lived a very productive life.  
Condolences to all of her family. *Debbie Plummer Jensen*

Debbie Jenzen - February 21, 2019 at 10:11 AM

KS

“ *Kellee Scott lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann Banister*



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**kellee scott** - February 20, 2019 at 08:56 PM

KS

“ *RIP my cuz, you where always my hero, thank you for all the times we shared❤️❤️ Gone but never forgotten, I Love you Pat and will miss you so much*

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**kellee scott** - February 20, 2019 at 07:05 PM