



## Patti J. Gural

March 6, 1949 - September 23, 2018

GURAL, Patti J., age 69, of Monroe and formerly of San Jose and Madera, California, passed away Sun. Sept. 23, 2018 at UC Medical Center in Cincinnati.

Independent and strong, Patti had a vast sense of humor. From the time she was young, and after different unfortunate situations, she would always get back up and get her life back together. She greatly enjoyed history, geocaching, the outdoors, walking, 50's music, dancing, and sending out colorful birthday cards with confetti in them. She also greatly enjoyed horses and the many dogs she had over the years, most recently her dog, Piddles.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph in March of this year and her parents Garland and Zada Wheeler. She is survived by three sons Bill (Angela) Lewis, T.J. Steel, and Shannon (Kaori) Smith; former step daughter Nicol (Bill) Schloss; step children Melissa (Phil) Johnson, Jason (Kayla) Gural, Kristin (Paul) Hepworth, and Sarah (Jon) Regoli; four grandchildren Katie (Grayson) Kearns, Carson Kurdziel, Julian Smith, and Sean Smith; many step grandchildren; great grandchild Kipton Cornelius and one more on the way; one brother Michael (Pam) Wheeler; and four sisters Jeannie Bangham-Nail, Glenda Smith, Donna Gentili, and Judy Miller.

Private services. Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home in Waynesville is serving the family. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.stubbsconner.com](http://www.stubbsconner.com).

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**Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home** - October 01, 2018 at 05:00 PM

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**Markus Rupp** - October 06, 2018 at 04:03 AM

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“ Debbie Miller lit a candle in memory of Patti J. Gural



**Debbie Miller** - October 03, 2018 at 08:30 PM

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**Shannon Smith** - September 28, 2018 at 07:09 PM

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“ I will miss her so much. i was looking forward to get to know her a lot better ever since she moved closer to us. she was always so sweet and great mother with genuine warmth whom I was secretly aiming for.  
Her gentle kind heart will remain inside of us.  
I want to thank her for everything she did and being my mother in law.

**Kaori Smith**



**Kaori Smith** - September 26, 2018 at 01:50 PM

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“ Shannon, I am so sorry for your loss! I am thinking of you and your entire family. May time heal. Angie Mitchell

**Angie Mitchell** - September 26, 2018 at 06:56 AM

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“ Shannon, My sincere condolences to you and your family. Sending my prayers.  
Jackie Henry

**Jackie Henry** - September 25, 2018 at 08:16 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies for the entire Gural, Smith & Lewis family from me and my wife Fresty. Patti is like a mom to me despite years of long distance from D.C. I simply refer to her as mom :)

I grew up with her as that secondary mom, with her son (my very best friend) Shannon at my side. She was very good to me and her other part-time son Bob. TJ and Billy kept us in line when we got out of line, lol.

Belding, Michigan was a wonderful place to grow up, and since I lived on the outer skirts of town, she always welcomed me over to stay at the house. She was a great role model and even greater parent to Shannon. I truly believe Shannon was very fortunate to have a mom that was caring, helpful and optimistic to all earthly challenges he faced in youth. From Shannon's first job, through support of family goals (with Dean's) photography business and helping the boys transition to new challenging locations and active military duty, she radiates a warm smile and charismatic charm that elevated her family. TJ, Billy and Shannon are fine young men, and as far as my experiences show ...they all had that calm charismatic side to them. Hey! TJ ...even you big guy, bc like your mom you call it as it is. Your mom brought out the best sides of all you siblings.

Patty was so supportive of me, even when my “friends” (hint hint ...Shannon and Bob) gave me a hard time with my clown parade outfit. I tended to get Shannon in trouble at times baiting him to get into tussles. In those trying times I'd test fate, but ma (Patty) would always bail me out from the TJ chin rubs and Shan's lethal left punch to the arm. Bob would at least wait until we walked back to his house before wrestling me down to size. Ma always saved me and at least spared me that until we left the Smith house :) Joking aside, never nothing serious at all though. I could really be irritating at times to the guys, so I really needed her ability to protect me. Right guys??? ;)

I hope ma truly knows how much I appreciate her. The candles will be lit when her son returns to Virginia... Patty was influential and realistically the catalyst to Shannon becoming really well spirituality gifted. I think we all got a sense that ma was a well rounded person and appreciated a search for those cosmic answers to spirituality. Spirituality and asking life's primary Qs, searching for answers is the glue that kept me and Shannon close in life travels. I thank you for that Patty Gural: ...I thank you for that Ma., for giving your son passion for spirit and music. Shannon, I know a written masterpiece in honor of your mom is inevitable.

May you now Rest In Peace with Joe and if you happen to see my dad having a cup of coffee, ... please tell him “...me and Shannon are as cranky, awnery and still a couple of cool caring guys. ...and so is that Bob (Wagar) character ;)...” Give Dean a smile for us as well.

TJ, Billy, Shannon, Kaori and the boys (Sean & Julian): “luv you all!” May we all move forward and celebrate as the pain is gone, and now a new journey begins for Ma.



Calvin Whitney - September 24, 2018 at 07:32 PM