

White Funeral Home - Farmington

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Sadly, Patricia Leah Bell, age 73, of Farmington, left us on January 9, 2025. Patricia was born in Farmington on February 15, 1951, to Jim and Lois Pepera. She graduated from Lakeville High School in 1969. After high school, she worked for Fredrick Wills for the summer and started working at Controlled Data. On February 15, 1974, she was united in marriage to Larry Bell at All Saints Catholic Church in Lakeville, MN. In 1975, they started a family, and she stayed home with the kids until Pat went to work for City Club Distributing. They sold City Club Distributing in 1985 and bought into Hardees. In 1989, they relocated to Arkansas for two and half years before returning to Farmington. Once back in Farmington, Pat worked for Allina Clinic until 1996, when she and Larry bought into the Big Apple Bagels Franchise, where they had restaurants in Eagan and Apple Valley. After selling the bagel shops in 2002, she worked at CVS and Target. Pat was extremely proud of her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed watching her grandchild playing their sports.

Patricia is preceded in death by husband Larry and her parents, Jim and Lois Pepera; brothers, Denny and David; sisters, Debbie Erickson, Kris Hanson and infant sister Vicki; mother and father-in-law, George and Esther Bell; brothers-in-law, Dean Erickson, Jon Hanson, and Jerry Lawler; sisters-in-law, Barbara Lawler. She is survived by her loving children, Cory (Angie) Bell, Jaelyn (Tee) Tran, and Jessica (Mike Ristow) Bell; grandchildren, Matt and Zach Bell, Ava and Ella Denninger, and Amia Tran; siblings, Mary Jo (Bobby) Johnson, Monica (Bruce Ellsworth) Turek, Steve (Debbie) Pepera, Paul (Mary) Pepera, Kari Pepera; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Funeral Service will be held at 11 AM Friday, January 17, 2025, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 22120 Denmark Ave., Farmington, with a gathering of family and friends 1 hour before service at church. A visitation will also be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, from 4:00 to 8:00 at White's Funeral Homes in Farmington.