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*Otsego County Fair Premium Book
Is Dedicated To*

Patricia Behnke

In the tumult of today's society, it is a delight to know a person of grace, wit, understanding and devotion to our future generations. Patricia Behnke was one of those delights; a true "lady" in the full sense of the word.

Pat loved animals, flowers (the violet her foremost favorite), children and people. Those who were fortunate to enjoy her as a friend recognized that no matter what, Pat was your friend forever.

Pat was a complex person with many varied interests. She was a 4-H leader and was involved in the 4-H Horse Developmental Council. She was instrumental in the organization of the Northern Michigan Arabian Association. The Otsego County Fair All Breed Horse Show was Pat's idea. She was also a member of the Gaylord Area Council for the Arts.

Pat was a member of the Otsego County Fair Board for years. Her primary responsibility was running the Open Class Building. Many improvements were made in the building and several changes were made in the various classes that were open to exhibitors.

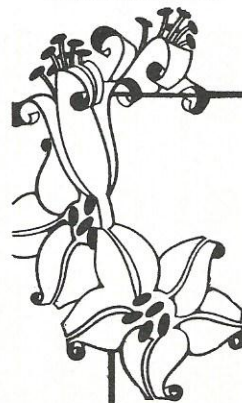
Pat did not stop with improving her building. She began a one woman campaign to beautify the fairgrounds. It didn't take long before she had the "Posey Club" working hard at weeding, planting, and tending the flower beds and making sure there were planters all over the fairgrounds.



Pat suffered a fatal heart attack on January 11, 1987 while attending the Annual Fair Convention in Grand Rapids. There is an empty place in many hearts which will never be filled because of her untimely death.

We remember her with love for her uniqueness, laughter for the joyous times shared with her, and admiration for the wonderful legacy of her goodness.

As her "Auntie" said in this memorial...



*God put His arms
around you
and whispered
"Come and rest"
His garden must be
beautiful
for He only takes
the best*