



Patricia Ruth Reitemeier

October 13, 1930 - January 2, 2026

Patricia Ruth Reitemeier, after living a full and long life of 95 years, passed away peacefully at St. Luke's Hospice House in Kansas City, MO, on January 2, 2026. Born in 1930, in Lafayette, IN, to Richard Jacob Aloysius Reitemeier and Mary Mildred Rhyan Reitemeier. They also had two other children, Joanne Rose and Richard Jr. (deceased). Patricia was married to Harold Edwards Carney Jr. (deceased) and they had two children, Regan Grace Carney (deceased) and Devon Edwards Carney, Artistic Director of Kansas City Ballet. And additionally, Devon's half-brother Ian Warren Osgood Carney and his wife, Eleanor Bernard Carney.

Patricia attended Indiana University beginning in 1948 and was a member of the graduating class of 1953. She further pursued post graduate studies ultimately attaining her PhD in Comparative Literature. She went on to be a faculty member at Indiana University, Curry College, and Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.

Later in life, Patricia was an editor in the New Mexico area for several monthly magazines. She then became an editor for scientists at the Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratory in Los Alamos, NM for over 10 years before retiring.

Patricia was a successful accomplished lifelong artist in the disciplines of weaving, drawing and painting. She had other interests of spirituality, nature, caring for the environment, art, literature, poetry and music.

Patricia is survived by her loving family including her son, Devon Edwards Carney and his wife Pamela Royal Carney and their children Lauren Y. Carney and Ryan E. Carney. Additionally, she is survived by her sister Joanne Rose White and her two children, Mark L. White and his daughter Courtney and Kurt S. White and his daughters Sarah and Sheena.

May she now rest in peace.

A celebration of her life will occur at a later date in Lafayette, IN.