



## Patricia Colleen McPherson

May 1, 1938 - March 20, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Patricia Colleen McPherson, 85, Of Oxford, MS, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2024.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, April 06, 2024, from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM at Cambridge United Methodist Church (641 Co Rd 202, Abbeville, Mississippi, 38601). The memorial service celebrating her life will occur immediately following the visitation at 2:00 PM in the church sanctuary.

She was known as Pat, Colleen, Miss Pat, and Red. She was born in Pontiac, Michigan, and grew up in Greenwood, Mississippi. Pat was a retired Administrative Assistant, having spent her career at Ole Miss working first with the Athletic Department, then the Chancellor's Office, and most recently with Alumni Affairs. In her late 50s, she realized her lifelong dream and moved to the country in Oxford, where she became a noted horsewoman and raised border collies. Pat always had the most beautiful collection of handpicked leaves, rocks, and abandoned bird's nests.

She is survived by her daughter, Holly Sallis Ross, son-in-law David Ross of Oxford, Mississippi; her son, Steve Sallis of San Diego, California; stepchildren, Graham and Alison Wilkes; and two granddaughters that she

cherished, Mary Alden and Rowan Gentry.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ras Russell McPherson and Opal English McPherson; one brother, Don McPherson; and her son Mackey Sallis.

In place of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at [give.michaeljfox.org](http://give.michaeljfox.org) or locally to the North Mississippi Trail Alliance at [NOMISSTA.org](http://NOMISSTA.org).

The family would like to thank The Magnolia at Oxford Commons and Arden Hospice for their beautiful and compassionate care.

The Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford staff is honored to serve the family as they navigate this challenging season of life. Online condolences may be posted on her Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cambridge Cemetery

CR 202  
Abbeville, MS 38601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Cambridge United Methodist Church  
641 Co Rd 202  
Abbeville, MS 38601

## Memorial Service

APR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cambridge United Methodist Church  
641 Co Rd 202  
Abbeville, MS 38601

# Tribute Wall



“ Michael vincent C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Colleen McPherson.

Michael vincent C. - April 04, 2024 at 07:25 PM



“ My daughters and I loved riding horses with Pat. We would load our horses up and drive to her house and we would ride along the road to Dunlap's place and explore. She was such a sweet lady.

Tammy Lewis - March 30, 2024 at 04:55 PM

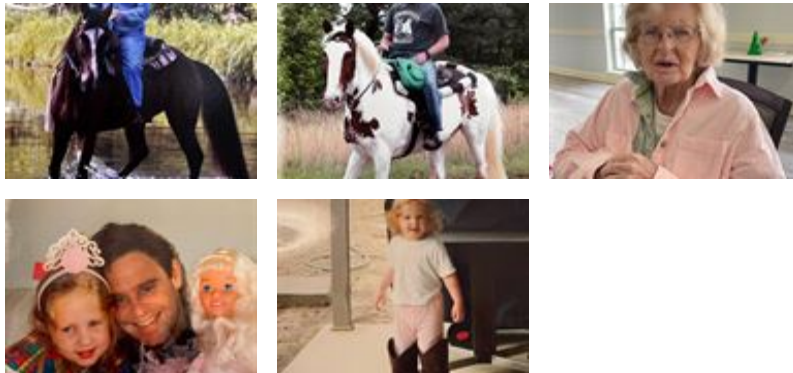


Thank you for sharing this with us, Tammy

Steve Sallis - April 06, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ 76 files added to the album Life Tributes



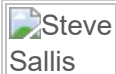
Coleman Funeral Home - March 26, 2024 at 01:26 PM

PE

“ *Phillip Susan Evans lit a candle in memory of Patricia McPherson*



Phillip and Susan Evans - March 25, 2024 at 12:05 PM



*Thank you for this.*

Steve Sallis - March 25, 2024 at 04:49 PM

CA

“ *Sweet Ms. Pat.  
I enjoyed being her hairdresser and friend for many years. She always had the most beautiful, natural red hair.  
We still have a beautiful 16 year old Border Collie, Lexe who she loved dearly.  
My memories and thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Charlotte Avent*

Charlotte Avent - March 24, 2024 at 01:27 PM



*Charlotte, thank you for keeping Mom looking so good!  
Holly and Steve*

Steve Sallis - March 25, 2024 at 04:50 PM

BB

“ I knew Colleen from working at Ole Miss and in her retirement she filled in for us in the Provost's Office often. Such a sweet and professional lady. She loved her horses and her dogs, and I was the beneficiary of one of her pups many years ago. She also gave riding lessons to our Taylor and Claire when they were little. She had lots of patience and again was very professional with her work life and her home life. Colleen will be missed. I am so thankful that I knew her.

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**Brenda Brannan** - March 22, 2024 at 08:45 PM

AB

We met Colleen when she chased us down over a load of hay. She wanted to know where we got it. I remember her riding down the median of Hwy 6 in preparation for endurance on her beautiful grey Arabian mare. We enjoyed riding trails with her and her granddaughter played with my daughter. Miss her laughter.

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**Angie Brummett** - March 23, 2024 at 09:57 AM

 Steve Sallis

Brenda, Mom spoke highly of her coworkers and I can state with certainty that she loved giving your children riding lessons.  
Holly and Steve

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**Steve Sallis** - March 25, 2024 at 04:52 PM

 Steve Sallis

Angie, that story perfectly summarizes how much she loved her horses and the serenity and joy they brought her. Thank you for sharing such a wonderful story.

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**Steve Sallis** - March 25, 2024 at 06:24 PM

 Steve Sallis

Angie, thank you for the visual :) Mom was passionate about horses.

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**Steve Sallis** - March 26, 2024 at 09:12 AM

JS

“ *Holly and Steve, even though we can't be there, please know we love you so much and take delight in memories of you! Our kids loved their Mississippi cousins! Call us anytime! Uncle Jim, Aunt Judy, Julie, Jayna and Jimmy*

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**Judy Sallis** - March 21, 2024 at 06:13 PM

 Steve Sallis

*Aunt Judy, thank you and Uncle Jim and the rest of your family for your kind words.  
Holly and Steve*

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**Steve Sallis** - March 25, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Colleen McPherson.*



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March 21, 2024 at 06:03 PM