

Patricia Ann Ziskin Watts

1956 - 2014



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Patty passed away peacefully on June 22, 2014, her loving family by her side, in Scottsdale, Arizona, where she had lived for many years. She died as she lived – on her own terms, in her own way, positive and fearless.

Patty was born on October 19, 1956, in Palm Springs, California, but grew up in Rancho Santa Fe where her family relocated in 1964. She attended Rancho Santa Fe Elementary, graduated from San Dieguito High School and earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from California State University Stanislaus.

After college, Patty settled in San Francisco where she met Dan Watts, whom she married in 1983. Their son, David, was born in 1985. Shortly thereafter, she and her family moved to Arizona, where she lived for the

remainder of her life.

Patty had many interests, including books, animals, horseback riding, photography, travel, hiking, motorcycles, music, the beach, cycling, and spending time with David and Dan. Despite being a private person, Patty dedicated her life to the service of others.

In her own quiet way, Patty was a seeker of enlightenment, both worldly and spiritual. Whatever answers she may have found, she also understood the value of the knowledge and experience gained by the search itself. She had an adventurous, independent spirit, yet also found joy in the simpler things in life – working in her yard, reading, or spending time with friends and family.

Patty is survived by husband, Dan; son, David; mother, Dorothy; sisters, Suzy and Barbara; and brothers, Michael and Peter. She is preceded in death by her father, Alvin.

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November 29, 2016

Joyful, Spiritual, endless giver of self, one of the best Christian Science nurses I have ever worked alongside.

April 25, 2015

My name is Linda H. Chen. I was Patty's roommate and good friend in college at Turlock.

I looked up Patty's name hoping to get in touch again. I have been looking at the pictures she sent me in my display case for 30+ years and thought of her almost as often. We had special times and meaningful conversations. Patty's influence has followed me through difficult times and helped to guide me on a daily basis.

Patty, I look forward to heaven and seeing you again.

Love, Linda

Linda Chen

August 3, 2014

We were so sorry to hear of the loss of darling Patty..... our thoughts and prayers are with you.....Sincerely, Muriel Pardee and Family

Muriel Pardee

August 1, 2014

We were so sorry to hear of the passing of adorable Patty. There are so many fun memories of her(and she put up with us!) and her cute laugh and great personality. Our thoughts are with Patty and her loving family. XO Rosie Gross and Jon Pardee

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