



A Remembrance of Patti Ann Parkinson

June 11, 1949—November 19, 2017



Patti passed away peacefully in hospice care in Los Gatos CA on November 19, 2017 at the age of 68 after living with Alzheimers Disease for 10 years. During her long battle with Alzheimer's Disease, and throughout her life, Patti always showed so much grace, beauty, bravery, and kindness to everyone she encountered. The lessons she taught us, and her everlasting love, will never be forgotten.

Patti was born in Burbank CA on June 11, 1949 but grew up in Coronado attending Crown Elementary, Coronado Junior High, and Coronado High School, class of 1967. She grew up on the water, played around the Hotel Del Coronado, and spent countless hours on the beach. Although the family moved to Omaha NE for her junior and senior years of high school, Patti headed back to Coronado the day after high school graduation.



After a few years back in Coronado, Patti moved to Santa Barbara, where she worked for the Chart House, winning the crown for Miss Milpas in 1969. From there Patti moved to Lake Tahoe, where she worked for the Inn Shop at Squaw Valley as a buyer, bookkeeper, and manager. After leaving Tahoe she skied throughout Europe for several months then Patti moved to Santa Cruz where she met Steve.

In 1977, Steve and Patti bought a home together in Soquel CA, in the mountains of Santa Cruz, and their son Ryan was born a little over a year later then a daughter Casey came along five years after that. Patti was always a very involved parent with her children's schools, and was often the sports team mom. Patti's favorite camping destination was Huntington Lake, in the high Sierras, where her family would camp on the shore and sail their catamaran. One of Patti's favorite things in life was skiing—she had a perfect skiing technique—she spent many hours on the slopes in Tahoe, Utah, Colorado, Canada, and Wyoming with her family.

Patti retired in 2008 as office manager/bookkeeper for Carpo's Restaurant, with 25 years of service. Her retirement came after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. After her diagnosis, Patti was the subject of an Alzheimer's Association documentary—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zq-AzcAw4A>—and she spoke at a number of Alzheimer's fundraisers throughout the Bay Area and at the State Capital in Sacramento raising close to a million dollars for further Alzheimer's research.

Patti is survived by her husband of 41 years, Stephen of Soquel; her son Ryan Shoemaker of San Jose and her daughter Casey Brossard of San Diego; three sisters Linda Niles-Skinner and Leslie Parkinson, both of San Diego, and Janet Short of Dallas TX; and her father-in-law Robert Shoemaker, of Soquel. Patti was blessed with five grandchildren: Isaiah, Ayden, and Olivia Shoemaker, and Avery and Layla Brossard. Patti was preceded in death by her mother Elaine "Jeanne" and father Don "Parky" Parkinson of San Diego; her mother-in-law Fran "Frannie" Shoemaker; and her sister Liz Grant of Santa Cruz.

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