



## Patricia Lee Smith

August 3, 1923 - April 18, 2020

Longtime Little Shasta resident Patricia Lee Smith passed away on April 18, 2020 at her home. She was 96 years old.

Pat was born in Los Angeles on August 3, 1923 to Ted Lee and Helen Cullen. On September 7, 1942 she married Blair Smith. They had four sons, Lee (Tracy), Roy (Cindy), Reg (Pam) and Keith. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Pat requested a poem as her obituary.

Blair Smith married Patricia Lee

In the fall of 1942

World War II was blowing up

It seemed the thing to do.

When the war was finally over

They headed out for the open range

For the very proper city girl

Her life was in for quite a change

They came north in 1950

With a horse trailer and some tack

With two wide eyed little boys  
And six turkeys in the back

They went to work at the SS bar  
Near the long lost town of Hilt  
They accepted quite a challenge  
An old ranch to be rebuilt

In '56 they moved to the old A.P.  
Between Gazelle and Callahan  
It was a place to test the will  
Of a woman and a man

One thing about the country life  
You never know what'll come thru the door  
She'd rub life back into a frozen calf  
On her polished kitchen floor

The family moved to Little Shasta  
In the fall of 1961  
They signed the note and bought the ranch  
The real challenge had begun

There were hay crews in the summers  
They always came in bunches  
They often said they'd like to quit  
But they'd have to miss her lunches

She did the books and did the chores  
And the ranch began to thrive  
The strong women of the West

Have always kept the West alive

She always wanted a little girl  
To share the wondrous joys  
Even tho she tried four times  
All she ever had was boys

And now our Pat has left us  
To the big ranch up above  
She left the world a better place  
With her kindness and her love.

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ Our deepest condolences to the Smith family. The Morgan and the Smith connections go back to the late 40s. We have shared a lot of times and adventures from Mendocino County to Siskiyou, always going and coming back together. I cannot imagine our lives without Pat and Blair and the "boys"; we'll just marvel in all the happy memories and smile. Pat was Mom's best friend. In Hopland, Pat introduced Mom to a fancy clothes washer that helped wring out the clothes. In Montague Mom taught Pat to tool leather. And every Christmas the families celebrated with a feast at the Morgan's. Pat so enjoy enjoyed the fashion shows of new clothes Cindy and Megan got. One time Pat babysat for Cindy and sent her home with a whole bunch of Barbie clothes that she had created with the little 5 year old girl. I don't mourn for Pat; she had a full happy life. I do mourn for the passing person by person of such a rich, unparalleled tradition that will not be replicated for our young people to enjoy. We have been fortunate to have known her and to have participated in her life.

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**Merrilee** - May 24, 2020 at 02:29 PM

PP

“ Pat always had a kind and friendly word every time I would run into her while shopping in town. She always asked about my family. She was a good lady.



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**Patty Prosvirnin** - May 02, 2020 at 12:25 AM

AD

“ Pat was a true lady. My most precious memory was for me the year she crowned me as Cowbelle of the Year. I had come a long way as a newcomer to ranching and the Shasta Valley. Pat always made me welcome and always had a great remark she shared. Rest In Peace, Pat. We will miss you.

Ann Dutra - April 27, 2020 at 03:41 PM

MH

“ Such wonderful memories of a great lady! Many years ago I would come up to visit from Dallas, Texas and a few times during the cattle drives! Pat would buy Dr. Pepper for me, way before it was popular, and she knew it was made in Texas! Very thoughtful!!! She was a kind and gracious lady! Strong, you could tell but wonderful and very welcoming! Great memories of her!  
Much love and prayers for the Smith family and all her many friends!  
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Mona Howell - April 27, 2020 at 10:59 AM

DS

“ David Sylva lit a candle in memory of Patricia Lee Smith



David Sylva - April 25, 2020 at 06:19 AM

MF

“ My deepest sympathy to the Smith family. 🌹  
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**Marsha Farley** - April 25, 2020 at 12:58 AM

BP

“ My memories of Pat were the days of her coming into my folks store Gregs men’s store on Miner St and then Gregs Guys and Gals. I always enjoyed getting to wait on Pat, but I think she preferred my dad waiting on her, he always took good care of the good Shasta valley folks. The last few years I had the pleasure of Having Pat as a client in my Nail Tech Business, not to long ago when she came in I noticed she was wearing a pair of long ago pretty Gregs Socks and I said to her I recognized those!! And she said she wore them just for me to see if I would remember. I will miss our visits and getting to see her. She was a very special lady. She will be missed. Our Condolences to the Smith family. Sincerely Jenny and Bob Parker

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**Bob and Jenny Parker** - April 24, 2020 at 06:44 PM

KH

*I have always enjoyed Pat, she will be missed by me. My deepest sympathy to her family. I thank the SMITHS for accepting me as part of their family. Love you all.*

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**Kathy Hettick** - April 25, 2020 at 10:19 PM

CB

“ Pat always had a funny story to share with me and I have enjoyed those stories near all my adult life. She was the reason I volunteered on Wednesdays at the Hospice Shop, so we could visit and laugh and I've sure missed her. We are thinking of all of the Smith Family at this special time. Heaven sure got a sweet angel. Thank you for the poem Roy; she knew you would make us smile.



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**Charlene Broce** - April 24, 2020 at 04:28 PM

KG

“ Keith and I were both born in Yreka in the same day. My mother had beautiful red hair and she and Pat always said maybe their babies had been switched at birth. I would have been Pats girl and Keith would have been Moms redhead. She always looked at me like a Mother I loved that and her. May the peace of our Lord fill your hearts.

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**Kristine Gorbet** - April 24, 2020 at 02:06 PM

TL

Pat was a true rancher's lady. She was so strong, yet refined and classy. I never heard her use anything other than gracious language. I always suspected she could swear with the best of them....she just didn't do it. She graced every event I ever saw her attend. My prayers go out to her entire family.

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**Tracy Louie** - April 24, 2020 at 03:03 PM

CS

Pat was a great role model. She shared a lot of wisdom with me and I looked at her like a second mother. I enjoyed all our time together. She was a part of all my life experiences. I will miss her greatly.

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**Cecily Shaw-Scala** - April 24, 2020 at 03:08 PM

KP

*Pat is a very special Lady and will be missed by so, so many of us! Her and my Mom, Vivian, were friends for so many years and were involved in Trail Rider's, if I remember right, Cattle women, Hopsice Shop. It was always a pleasure to see Pat with her wonderful smile and joy of family and friends. Another angel to watch over us.*

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**Kathleen Perdue** - April 24, 2020 at 07:45 PM

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*Condolences to the Smith Family.*

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**Alvin & Helen Lewis** - April 26, 2020 at 01:32 AM