



Patti Jean Truttman

February 24, 1949 - December 27, 2022

The world lost a little bit of its luster when Patti Jean (Price) Truttman passed away at home surrounded by her family on the afternoon of December 27, 2022. She was born to Gary "Johnny" and Millie Price on February 24, 1949. She spent her childhood in Yreka and Montague and met the love of her life, Carl Truttman, as a teenager. Carl and Patti were married on August 7, 1965 and for the next 57 years they made their home in Grenada. They raised their three children, Carla, Shannon and Jason, and created a home that was the central location of countless family gatherings, holiday meals and birthday celebrations. Patti's yard was always a sense of pride from the first bloom of daffodils in the Spring, followed by the arrival of peonies, petunias, snapdragons, zinnias and roses. Adding to the depth of beauty Patti worked so hard to create and maintain were dogwoods, birches and Japanese maples which sheltered the yellow finches, robins, doves and an occasional owl or woodpecker. This outward show of beauty was truly a reflection of Patti's inner beauty which she shared generously with everyone.

With kindness and compassion, she opened her heart to everyone she met with a vibrant, contagious smile and a sparkling eye. She began working with children as a teacher's aide at Montague Elementary in the mid- 1970s before taking a job at Big Springs Elementary, where she also served as a cheerleading coach. Patti ultimately found her home at Grenada Elementary where she guided, supported and encouraged countless children as a Primary Intervention Specialist. "Patti Time" became a coveted standard at Grenada

Elementary where she made every child feel cherished and safe. Even in her retirement years, she volunteered at Yreka High School, where she continued to spread her positivity and made others feel loved, special and warm with her very presence. Whether you called her Mom, Aunt Pat, Miss Patti, or Nan, she was always your biggest fan!

One of her greatest joys was cheering on her grandchildren during their many sporting events. Whether cheering on the Grenada Wildcats, the Yreka Miners or the Western Oregon Wolves, she was always decked out in team colors with her own bit of sparkle and bling. It didn't take many games before she was cheering loudly for every player on the team and handing out hugs to celebrate their victories or commiserate their defeats.

If she couldn't be at home with her family or cheering on her grandkids, she loved to spend time at the ocean. A treasure box full of memories and precious keepsakes collected during her long walks on the beach with family rests in her dining room. Music was a constant in Patti's life and marked both the extraordinary and ordinary moments in her life. The love shared between Carl and Patti was always obvious, but never more evident than when they were waltzing around a dance floor. Just as in every other aspect of Patti's life, the love she shared with Carl inspired everyone around them.

Patti is survived by her husband, Carl, her daughters, Carla Truttman and Shannon (Truttman) Currie and her family, Shannon (husband), and children, Jordan, Callie and Ty; her son, Jason Truttman and his family, Jennifer (wife) and children, Jaci and Trevor; her sister, Linda Jackson and her brother, Johnny Ray Price.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the USI Scholarship, Inc. at Post Office Box 1328, Yreka, CA 96097 in the name of the Truttman Family Memorial Foundation. A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the near future, time and location to be determined.

Tribute Wall



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Girdner Funeral Chapel - April 27 at 03:52 PM

RO

“ *She was a guiding light for everyone. Our hearts ache.*

Robin O'Brien - January 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Patti was such a gift to our school and community. Loved by all the kids and for good reason. They poured out their sorrows, peer problems, and struggles to her and received her loving care. My own children were jealous of others who saw her regularly and were happy when they were allowed to accompany a friend. We are thankful the Lord put her there for such a time as that. With love for her family and prayers for God's comfort and presence in their lives,
Lesley and Tom Clark*

Lesley Clark - January 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Going to miss you Aunt Pat!*

Lisa Fuchslin - January 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Going to miss you Aunt Pat!

Lisa - January 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Heaven has a new angel. Her beautiful spirit will be missed here on earth!

Buddy and Deanna Gossner - January 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ A very lovely lady. My sincere condolences to her family



Marsha Farley - January 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ There are so many great memories of Miss Patti as I was growing up. Having Patti time meant we got to get out of boring class to sit around a table with some friends and color and talk and just be kids for a little while. Miss Patti was amazing. She would listen and talk with us like she was our best friend. I always felt better after having Patti time. It saddens me that such a wonderful person is gone, but she will forever live in our hearts.

Diana Jennings - January 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Much love to the Truttman family. Many wonderful memories growing up in Yreka and grateful for so many that include Carl, Patty and the rest of the family. Very sorry for your loss. God Bless you all. Jason Ehlen and the Ehlen Family

Jason Ehlen - January 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ RIP. So very sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏

Kristen Naylor - January 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Condolences to the Truttman family.

Kathy Ronay Birdsong - January 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Patti Jean Truttman - January 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ I was a student at Grenada Elementary from K-8th, graduating in 1995. I saw first-hand the positive impact Patti had on students, especially those who were at-risk. Because students occasionally got to bring a friend to "Patti time," I got to attend a few times at the invite of a friend. This allowed me to see a bit more about how strategically she counseled students, and how deeply she cared for each of them. I have no doubt that Patti's efforts were responsible for placing numerous at-risk students on a better path in life.
All my best,
Elisa Noble, GES Class of 1995

Elisa Noble - January 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Q: *What will you never forget about Patti?*

A: Patti was so kind and gracious to me during my teen years helping me to navigate being me. There were many times I dropped by her home to just hang out and chat and she made me feel welcome. I will cherish her memory and all she did for me in my life. RIP Patty...you will truly be missed. Robert Schantz

Robert Schantz - January 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM