



Patricia Thompson

March 4, 1955 - May 23, 2014

Patricia Carol Thompson was born on March 4, 1955. At three years of age, she was adopted by loving parents, Sydney Oliver Thompson and Mary Heather Thompson of Hempstead, Long Island, New York. Pat passed away on May 23, 2014, at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta after suffering a massive stroke the day before. Pat's zest for life had brought her within reach of her recent goal to become a nurse. She was a warm and popular student who was adored by her younger cousins. After a year of college Pat left for California. There, despite her many challenges and with the tremendous support of her brother David, Pat moved forward to become a pharmacy technician and a role model to others who had lost their way. When Pat moved to Atlanta in 2006, she returned to college to pursue the prerequisites that would enable her to apply to nursing school. She worked at Emory Adventist Hospital both as a pharmacy technician and as an emergency room switch-board operator, and also worked as a health aid. According to co-workers, "Pat wore many hats" ; she was a "hard worker" and a "real people person", "always getting laugh or a smile out of you by the time she was done." Pat was a "learner" and a striver who enjoyed both her work and her co-workers and supervisors of whom she often spoke fondly. Pat's long-time companion, Neil Stone, with whom she lived, provided generous support to her during and up until this time. Most recently Pat passed the final prerequisite course and exam that would have enabled her to apply to nursing school to fulfill her dream of helping others, not only technically, but emotionally and spiritually, drawing from the challenges over which she had triumphed so well. Pat is survived by her brothers Charles and David; her sister-in-law Evelyn Ashcroft; her companion Neil Stone; her cousins Joan and Bob Waite, and their adult children Robin, Monty and Anofi; their grandson Monte, Jr.; her Canadian cousins Sharon and Gail Berry; and by Peggy Preacely who authored the poem "Our Courageous Pat." The family of Patricia Thompson will receive friends 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Saturday, May 31, 2014 at White Columns Chapel in Mableton. Cremation will follow. Our Courageous Pat! On this day our sister, niece, daughter, auntie, friend and co-worker Ms. Patricia Thompson became a spirit...uplifted and free. And we her family and friends refuse to mourn. Instead we gather here to celebrate a life re-born! This woman who reclaimed herself out of the ashes of chaos! She refused to be cast aside...refused to give in or give up.....refused to be defined. Instead

she fed her mind...never to be left behind. Our Pat: regal in her stride..... her newly acquired pride. That laugh of hers returned....we welcomed her tough re-birth Her confidence a- new...she took on such a different view that we awaited her graduation with not a trace of trepidation. We know now in our heartsthat Pat was from the very start. A most enduring spark. Her broad smile was so contagious that it spread to those of all ages. Rest now dear Pat....your journey is complete. We celebrate your life and take comfort that you never knew defeat!!!. (Composed and Dedicated on May 23, 2014 to the Memory of Patricia Thompson , beloved family member and friend , Peggy Dammond Preacely, Long Beach, California.)

Comments



“ Samantha Storey I will miss seeing your smiling face and our talks. You were always so kind, compassionate and had a very big heart. You also had a zest for life and you touched so many people. I could always count on you to make me smile and encourage me. EAH will not be the same without you but we will always remember you and your spirit. 06/10/2014 Sharlotte & Jimmy Padgett Memory is a way of holding onto the things you love, the things you never want to lose. And they can never be taken away from you at any time. God Bless you and your family members. 06/10/2014 Kala Graham 06/07/2014 April Camp The first time I met Pat I was overwhelmed with her zest for life. She was one of a kind. She is so missed. 06/04/2014 Alvin Mangham Neil I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that God will bless you with loving memories and a peace that surpasses all understanding. 06/03/2014 Ron Wood As a friend of Neil's for 15 years, I know that Pat provided a joy in his life that he cherished. I send my prayers out to all of Pat's family and friends. She was a kind soul and will be missed by all. For my dear friend, Neil, know that all of your billiard brothers are praying for you, as well. May you find strength in knowing that your love for Pat, and hers for you, were gifts from God. He granted each of you a life shared in love. May he now grant enduring peace to all who are grieving her loss. 06/02/2014 Eva and Mia Spampinato Dear Patricia, you were a very special sweet person and you never gave up on your dreams. You will be missed very much. We are sure you will be in a special sweet spot up with God! We love you, Eva and Mia 06/02/2014 Brandi McLean I am so very sorry for the loss of Patricia. May God provide peace and comfort to you all during this difficult time. 06/02/2014 Ernest Bedsaul May the memories of Pat help you find peace. 06/02/2014 Farrah Waller Pat was always smiling when I talked with her. She was quick to greet me when she came into the department and I will forever remember her smile and openness. I will miss seeing her. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family and friends. 06/02/2014 camille turner I worked at Emory Adventist and Pat was always the smiling face walking through the uni to greet everyone and say hello. Sorry for your loss and she will truly be missed. 06/02/2014 Bruce Dudley Pat you will missed by all. Stay sweet and stay as you are. Tell Eddie I said to let you in. 06/01/2014 Patti Carroll It was a pleasure to meet Pat. Her ambition was an inspiration to everyone to follow your dreams. Heaven gained an Angel. Glad she had Neil by her side, a true gentleman. 06/01/2014 Amy Shing I only knew Pat for a short time, but during that time she always created a positive environment at work. I enjoyed her smile and our conversations about life and rollerblading. You will be missed. 06/01/2014 JoAnn Miller May God bless your family. You will be missed. 06/01/2014 Laurel Ryce I so thankful that God allowed our paths to cross. I will miss you for your affirming words,your light spirit,your kindness and thoughtfulness. You have touched so many and my life will never be the same because of all the lessons that I learned from you. To all her loved ones may God grant you each the strength to make it through the day ahead. 05/31/2014 Valerie Jordan wMy Dearest Pat, Words cannot express the sorrow I felt when learning of your transition. Your smile will forever be apart of ours live at EAH. I will miss your smile as well as your conversations on weekends, I will also miss seeing you get off the elevator with the biggest smile. May you rest in peace my friend and know that we will miss you at EAH. 05/31/2014 Beverly Marks Pat you have come to the ending of your day, When the last winds of sorrow have blown There'll be Jesus wating to show you the way. You dont have to cross Jordon a lone. Pat Jesus die all your sin to a tone.Pat often time you feel forsaken and

weary and sad when it seem that your friends have all gone Pat Jesus though is the one that cheers you and makes your heart glad Jesus will never let you cross Jordon alone. In the darkness you see Jesus will be waiting for you you won't have to cross Jordon a lone You was my friend in need and indeed I will greatly miss your smile and I know the angels up in heaven will glad to have see you there. You are loved
05/31/2014 Gina Montero Pat, I will miss you dearly, your smile, the great conversation we always have on weekends, the excitement in your face talking about school. But I know now that you are more happier in the hands of God. 05/31/2014 vivan calderon pat thank you for sharing your life with us..you are a very happy person ,loves to learn and always pleasant to work with, you have touched all of us for just being you..i will always treasure our good memories together on weekends at AHS..we love you Pat...Vivian er rn 05/31/2014 Margaret Lovejoy Good-bye my friend, may you sleep in peace until our God calls your name. 05/31/2014 PhilominaJ Mathew We will miss you Pat. 05/31/2014 Mary Kungu Pat, May your soul rest in peace. I will miss you dearly, will miss the sweet stories you'd tell me as we rode on the elevator. I admired the dreams you had about your noble career, God knows what was best for you. May God's grace embrace the Thompson's family with peace, love and comfort 05/31/2014 stephanie dorsey pat will be missed...to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. RIP 05/30/2014 Michael Richards Pat you will be missed thank you for always making me laugh and smile and feel loved in your presence. You were beautiful inside and out much love Rest in Peace 05/30/2014 ADESHINA, JOSEPH I pray for God to candle his light upon your soul and give you rest, I personally will miss you more, because you always mess with me all the time, you are an Angel to the world, you always smile and may God give rest. 05/30/2014 Beverl Flowers & Family May God continue to bless all of you today & always. 05/30/2014 Juliet Mccarthy Rest in peace , you will always be miss. 05/30/2014 Mohammed Zakari Ms. Pat was such a wonderful and considerate person. She brought so many joyful thoughts and had a smile I will never forget! I will miss Pat. 05/30/2014 Michelle Auerbach Always pleasant, and smiling, her youthful presence will be greatly missed. I will always remember Pat for her genuine spirit along with her quest and desire for knowledge. Pat was truly a positive force and gentle soul. 05/30/2014 Dr. Harsheel Desai My time knowing Pat was short but in the brief moments she would visit the ER working on the Pixys she would always have a terrific smile warmly greet everyone. Easy to see such a wonderful spirit in someone like that. My deepest condolences... 05/30/2014 Patricia Baldwin Pat was such a kind and generous person. She was always a breath of fresh air when encountered at work. I never even saw her in a bad mood during the 5 years we worked together (I work in ICU at Emory Adventist). She will be missed as she was certainly one of a kind. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. 05/30/2014 Zoey Thomas Pat there are not enough words to describe how much I will miss you. I miss your bubbly personality and your smile. Pat had a real big heart. She was always giving, helping or doing something for someone else. She always made me laugh. It has been an honor for me to have met and work with Pat. She was a true people person. You are greatly missed Pat. I love you. R.I.P 05/30/2014 Kay Rogers Pat was a very wonderful person that will be missed as she never neglected to say bye when one was leaving the building or coming in to her radiant smile. 05/30/2014 Jenny McGlown Pat, you will be very much missed at EAH. I remember talking to you at switchboard and how nice, sweet and funny you were. You always showed interest in my life and made me feel welcome. I know your light will continue to shine

on. 05/30/2014 Noreen Smith Pat was an inspiration, her laugh and smile were always there. She was always willing to cover for other's shift. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Pat. 05/30/2014 Marc Couey The few times I saw Pat (we normally worked different shifts) she always had a smile and a kind word. It was almost like she knew when you were having a bad day and she knew exactly what to say to fix it. She will be missed by everyone at Emory Adventist. 05/30/2014 Robin Riggins In July/August of 2011, I had many precious conversations with Pat after learning about my Father's illness and subsequent death. Pat never forgot about much I loved and missed my Father. Every time I saw Pat she always asked me how I was doing. Pat was always concerned about others. That's just how she was....a precious person and a treasured friend to many. We will all miss her dearly at Emory-Adventist Hospital. 05/30/2014 KYLE ANDREWS Condolences to the Thompson Family and the Stone Family. From your classmate at HHS R.I.P. Dear Pat.. You shall wear a crown. 05/29/2014

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