



Mary Patricia Nishikawa

May 30, 1938 - October 31, 2013

Mary Patricia Nishikawa, age 75, passed away on 10/31/2013 in Washington, Utah. She was born 5/30/38 in Letts, Iowa to Arthur P. Wells and Mona B. Carpenter. She was married to Douglas K. Nishikawa. They were married in San Jose, California on July 13 of 1984.

After living a full and exciting life of 75 years, Mary Patricia Nishikawa-our loving mother, grandmother, sister and loving wife and friend-passed away on October 31, 2013 in Washington, Utah.

One of six children, Mary was born in Letts, Iowa to the late Arthur P. Wells and Mona B. Carpenter. She graduated from Anaheim Union High School and earned her Bachelor's Degree from San Francisco State University in California.

Mary married David A. Marks in California and raised four children-Patti Jo Marks, Deanna Mae Marks, David Andrew Marks, and Michael Joseph Marks. Mary then later married Douglas K. Nishikawa on July 13 in 1984 in San Jose, California. Mary and Douglas enjoyed almost 30 years together living in San Jose, California, Port Townsend, Washington, Kona, Hawaii, and Washington, Utah.

Mary lived life to the fullest. Highlights of her life adventures included running

in the Bay to Breakers foot race in San Francisco, California, walking across the Golden Gate Bridge, biking down Haliakala Volcano in Hawaii, with her husband Doug, and taking care of her family. She worked early in her career for Stanford University in the Cardiology research division and later in the aerospace industry. Her strong work ethic, and abundant energy also allowed her to watch over her two grandchildren-Keegan Tyler and Riley Alexander while they were young and left them with a strong moral compass and good manners.

Mary had a zest for life and a love for traveling around the world. She most enjoyed her time in Hawaii, Europe, sailing on Schooner Sailboats along the East Coast and time with her family, enjoying Christmas and the holidays. Mary was a very generous soul and cared for her family deeply.

She is survived by: Her Husband, Douglas Nishikawa of Washington, UT; her daughters Patti Jo Marks of Olympia, WA and Deanna Mae Marks of San Jose, CA; her sons David Marks and Michael Marks of Olympia, WA, her siblings Joann Boudreau, Mineral Wells, TX, Lois Wells, UT, Annie Wells, Brookings, OR, brother Donnie Wells, OR; and her grandchildren Keegan Tyler Black and Riley Alexander Black of San Jose, CA; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members. Mary will greatly missed by all whose lives she touched.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, the 3rd of November at 11:00AM. Arrangements are under the direction of The Cremation Center of Southern Utah, (435) 986-9100. Friends and family are invited to share memories and condolences online at: www.SereniCareofStGeorge.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The American Diabetes Association and The American Heart Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (MT)

Cremation Center of Southern Utah
1316 South 400 East A-5
Saint George, UT 84790

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with her entire family,
Don & Pat Wells.*



Don Wells - November 22, 2013 at 12:35 PM

MF

“ *I remember Pat as always wanting to be involved with her family. The 1st time I met her was at a Holiday celebration at Deanna's house, the boys were very small then and so excited to see her and the Pink Fluffy Stuff -a dessert she was famous for making at special occasions. On a visit, with PJ to the lovely home where she & Doug lived in San Jose - met a very special bird and admired a lovely, small crackle glazed vase which she promptly gave to me and told me she had made in ceramic class - she was trying to perfect a traditional Japanese technique. I cherish that today and when I look at it on my bookshelf remember her fondly. My thoughts and prayers are with her entire family, my dear friend PJ especially.
In Sympathy, Michele Ferreira*

Michele Ferreira - November 09, 2013 at 11:04 AM

Pj
Marks

“ *Our Mother, Mary Patricia*



Pj Marks - November 06, 2013 at 01:49 PM

Pj
Marks

“ Mom's first baby, PJ Marks, June 1958



Pj Marks - November 06, 2013 at 01:47 PM

Pj
Marks

Caption is wrong: this is Mom with her first baby in 1958, the day after she brought her home from the hospital

Pj Marks - November 06, 2013 at 05:15 PM

Pj
Marks

“ Mom and her sons Mike and David, Palo Alto CA



Pj Marks - November 06, 2013 at 01:46 PM

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Marks

“ She ran the Bay to Breakers race in 1991



Pj Marks - November 06, 2013 at 01:45 PM

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“ Mom with her twin babies, our Dad, and sister Deanna, Mt.
Hamilton, CA 1968



Pj Marks - November 06, 2013 at 01:44 PM

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Marks

“ Mom, with son Mike and daughter Deanna, Port Townsend, WA



Pj Marks - November 06, 2013 at 01:42 PM

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“ We love you Mom.

Deanna Marks - November 03, 2013 at 03:47 PM