



Patricia Elizabeth Slezak

December 27, 1941 - January 24, 2014

Heaven received Patricia “Patti” Elizabeth Slezak, age 72, of St. George on January 24, 2014, after she suffered complications associated with interstitial pulmonary disease. Surrounded by her loving family, Patti left this world peacefully, as beautifully, and as gracefully as she lived her life. Born on December 27, 1941, in Cape Girardeau, MO, Patti was the second child of Ovid Nathan Hunter and Margaret Lucille (Kelly) Hunter. She graduated from St. Joseph’s Jr. College, Springfield, Illinois.

After graduation, Patti embarked on a professional modeling and an acting career, which included appearing in TV commercials and hosting her own TV program. She was proud to be named Miss St. Louis Cardinal. She chose to leave a career in the spotlight to start a family. Patti worked in a variety of fields, such as life insurance, marketing, and real estate. In addition, Patti passionately served the Utah Heart Association, where she worked for many years. Patti enjoyed playing golf, tennis, racquetball, and horseback riding. She also enjoyed music and dancing, especially with the Mariachi’s in Mexico. In 1962, Patti married Joseph Wallace Morton, Sr. The couple had two children, Joe and Tracy, and later divorced, leaving Patti to raise her two children single handedly. Life as a single mother was not easy; however, Patti persevered, overcoming great obstacles with her characteristic grace, charm, determination, and sense of humor. Regardless of what life threw her way, Patti remained kind, warm, and loving. Nothing could harden her heart. She devoted herself to her children and was intent on parenting them well, loving

them unconditionally, keeping them safe, and providing them with a sense of security, all of which she accomplished. After years of personal struggle, Patti met and married the absolute love of her life, Dr. Roy M. Slezak, on June 27, 1991 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Patti and Roy embraced each other's children, bringing healing to wounded hearts, restoration of relationships, and a tremendous sense of unity, all of which exemplify Patti's love of and devotion to her family.

Patti is preceded in death by her parents, Ovid Nathan Hunter and Margaret Lucille (Kelly) Hunter and is survived by her loving husband, Roy M. Slezak; her siblings, Michael Nathan Hunter, John Mack Hunter, and Catherine SueAnne (Hunter) Vlamakis; her seven children, Joseph Wallace Morton, Jr., Tracy Elizabeth (Morton) Beatty, Karen Christensen, Patricia Slezak, Jeffrey Slezak, John Slezak, and Charles Slezak; her sixteen grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Patricia "Patti" Slezak leaves a legacy of unassuming beauty, love, kindness, and acceptance. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who were blessed to have known her. A Celebration of Patti's Life will be held on March 1, 2014, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Bloomington Country Club, St. George, Utah. Charitable donations honoring Patti may be made to the foundation at Dixie Regional Medical Center.

Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at www.SereniCareofStGeorge.com Arrangements are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home St. George, 986-2085

Tribute Wall

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“ Patti and I were cheerleaders for Alton High School in Illinois. She was a junior and I was a senior but always enjoyed doing things with her. She was a very sweet girl at that time and I really didn't know what happened to her till I googled her name about 5 years ago and found her. Her husband, Dr. Roy Slezak answered the phone and let me talk to her. She was so shocked that I had gotten in touch with her. Her brother, Mike, had graduated with me and we were trying to find him for a 50 th class reunion. Patti and I talked for about an hour and she was so happy with her life. When I got off the telephone I felt so refreshed by just listening to her happy voice and the kindness she showed to me. God speed Patti. We share lots of the same friends and lots of great memories that I won't even mention but we sure had fun. I am so blessed that you touched my life in so many ways. Love and sympathy to your family if they get to read this and so sorry that I am just finding out about your passing.
Cindy Kodros Garvey

Cindy Kodros Garvey - October 10, 2014 at 04:08 PM

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“ We were so sorry to hear about Patti. She was always so nice, so full of life and fun.
We knew her in Salt Lake City, some of her friends were our friends. The last time I saw her in S.L.C., she had just gotten engaged to Dr. Roy.
Patti and Tracy attended our wedding and Tracy sang a couple of songs. (About 25 years ago.)
Patti was always so proud of her children.
One day we went to a garage sale in Bloomington and I heard her voice and said, "That has to be Patti Redford" and sure enough, she turned around and it was.
Patti lived life to the fullest. What a beautiful, gracious and wonderful lady she was.
She will always be remembered.
Chris and Karen Tolboe

Chris and Karen Tolboe - March 17, 2014 at 12:16 PM

AC

“ So sorry for your loss and pain.
i am very fond of her.
Arlette Chabert
server at B.C.C.

Arlette Chabert - February 12, 2014 at 06:14 PM

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“ This is a test.

Tracy Beatty - February 07, 2014 at 05:22 PM